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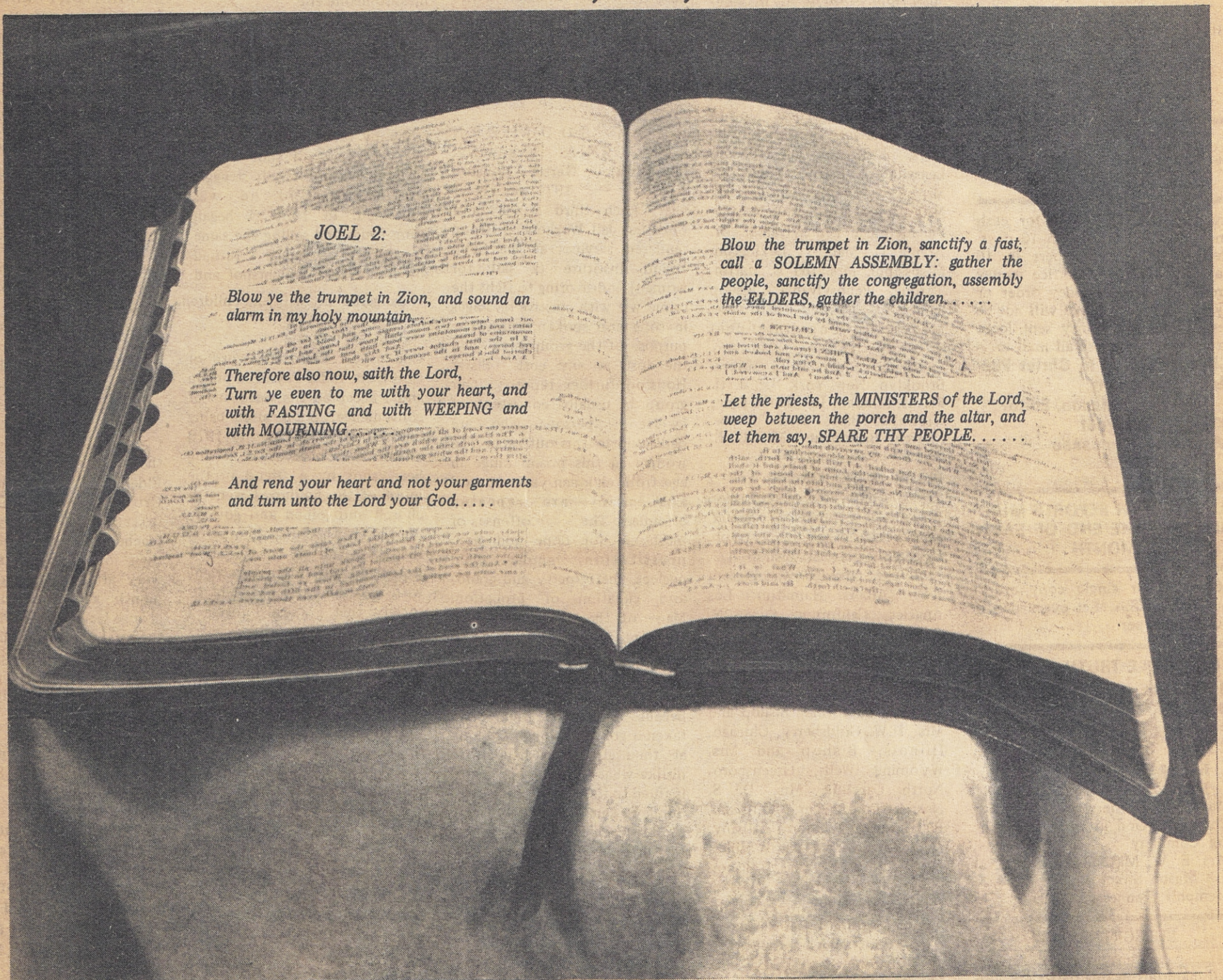
"The law of truth was in his mouth and iniquity was not found in his mouth, Mal. 2:6. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32.

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PRESIDING BISHOP CALLS SOLEMN ASSEMBLY November 9, 10, 11- 1971



Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain. . . Therefore also now, saith the Lord, Turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with FASTING and with WEeping and with MOURNING. And rend your heart and not your garments and turn unto the Lord your God. . . Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a SOLEMN ASSEMBLY: gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the ELDERS, gather the children. . . Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, SPARE THY PEOPLE.

The Lord has truly laid upon my heart to call his children together the first three fast days of our forthcoming Convocation in a SOLEMN ASSEMBLY.

I am looking for each and every Bishop, Superintendent, pastor and elder joined by our departmental leaders, State mothers, missionaries and laymen to meet me in prayer at 9:00 A.M. November 9th, the opening day of our Convocation.

For our attire, the Lord commanded me to make this one simple request: that all ministers of the gospel wear Black Suits with Clergy Shirts and collars, if possible. If you don't have them they may be purchased downstairs in our own book store on arrival.

The Book Store will also offer for State mothers and missionaries: semi-angelican cassocks with long sleeves, box pleated waist and free falling pleated skirts, jeweled neckline and detachable scapular. These garments are very attractive and will definitely grace your appearance.

I don't say that flashy clothes, blond wigs and gaudy jewelry are sinful. However, they are distasteful and very unbecoming at the Holy Convocation and especially for our religious leaders.

It is not an unreasonable request for me to ask that EVERY minister and missionary who sit on the platform, wear the aforementioned attire. I have attended many State Convocations where the State mothers required the women to wear special attire; white, pink, etc. If you expect others to follow the leading of the Lord through you, should not, you be an example?

Finally, may I again remind you that our attire is not an end of itself, but it is the visible symbol of our broken hearts and contrite spirits by which we shall seek the mercy of God.

Bishops, Elders, Mothers and Missionaries since we are leaders of God's people let us lead them back to God, during this lamentation Convocation.

Remember the hour of prayer, November 9, 1971 at 9:00 A.M.

J. O. Patterson, presiding Bishop

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BENEFIT DINNER

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. One of the most outstanding events of the International Convocation is the Presiding Bishops benefit dinner held this year at the Hotel Sheraton Peabody's Sky Room. The proceeds of this dinner are for the support of the "Charles Harrison Mason" Educational Foundation, which lends support to deserving students of our church through scholarships. The Charles Harrison Mason Theological Seminary and other worthwhile projects within the scope of education. Confirmations for reservations have been received from the following persons;

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FROM THE EDITORS DESK: ' ' D I F F E R E N T ADMINISTRATIONS...ALL BY THE SAME SPIRIT'

Often we labor and toil for the better things of life and after a period of struggle, we obtain them. We become fat with accomplishments but lean in our souls. Thus, we become like the children of Israel in Horeb...God has to speak to us and advise that "we have been in this mount, long enough." In a day when our religiosity has sought to have the comforts of the parish house and sancturay it is refreshing to note that someone has heeded the admonition of Christ, "I was in prison..." This editorial is dedicated to those ministers and missionaries of our church who have taken time out to serve the less glamorous side of the ministry. Yes, this is a "different administration...but all by the same spirit."

FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA: Evangelist Missionary Gertie Houston reports—"1971 was a great year. Each third Sunday our Christian Jail Workers Group rendered services at the Sybil Brand Institute (a jail for women) endeavoring to fight the crime war with positive messages in song and spoken word. The purpose of the group is to "win the lost at any cost." Sister Houston further reports; "Our group is usually consistent of twelve persons who are dedicated to this outreach. The women in this prison range in age from eighteen years upward and many are repeated offenders. The offenses of most are for dope addiction, prostitution, murder, child neglect, theft (petty and grand) and violation of probation. Many of those in custody are confronted with the gospel of Christ for the first time by our group. It is not mandatory that they attend chapel services but because many of them have taken a good and long hard look at themselves and happen to dislike what they see, our chapel is filled to its capacity each third Sunday. Our attendance is 300 to 350 each time we serve and for the entire year of 1970 with fifteen Sundays of services, we delivered the word of God to approximately 3,600 women making a choice in favor of Christ."

The Whole Truth wishes to thank Elder Willie Baker, State President of the Department of Personal Evangelism for Southern California for this rewarding report on the Prison Ministries, and for the vision of the Presiding Bishop of that Jurisdiction, Bishop S.M. Crouch.

FROM TENNESSEE FIRST JURISDICTION: Sister Ida Belle Watkins reports: "The Shelby County Penal Farm has been the scene of a great outpouring of the Spirit of God. We have witnessed the fall of the latter rain and literally saw the sixteenth chapter of Acts repeated. Several Ministers and Missionaries of the Jurisdiction have been there with the young People's Choir of Pentecostal Temple and God is adding souls.

Bishop J. O. Patterson, is the Presiding Bishop of the Jurisdiction and Pastor of Pentecostal Temple, as well as President of the Church of God in Christ.

The Whole Truth Paper received a letter of testimony from one of the inmates of the Jackson Prison in Jackson, Michigan.

His name is Isaah Williams and is now a member of a church pastored by the Elder Richard Paylor. Listen to what he has to say.....

Holy Greetings:

I am a reader of your monthly publication, and read of your sharing of the Word of God to others. I would like to add my testimony in order that it might bless someone else.

I am 24 years of age and the father of two lovely daughters. As a child I had always been in some type of trouble and difficulty. I started my life of crime by breaking and entering in 1966. Later, I shot at my father-in-law in a family struggle and thank God he was unharmed. In 1968, I began using drugs and selling the same to support my habit. I turned my home into a nightspot and endangered my wife and children.

One day, I heard the word of God from Elder Paylor in prison and I accepted the word out of convenience. Soon after being released on bond for my 1970 crime of robbery and having been shot by a friend in the midst of the holdup, I went to church and joined and got my life right with Christ. I purposed that if I had to go to jail, I would go with my heart right with God and pay the debt to society that I knew I owed. I was sentenced to fifteen years and I am now serving out that sentence but thanks be to God my sins are under the blood. Thank God for Elder Paylor and for all of the saints who take time out to visit prisons and aid in directing the souls of men and women like myself.

Pray for me that I might share this glad message of Christ Jesus to those who are here with me.

A Friend in Christ,
Isaah V. Williams
Jackson Prison, Jackson, Michigan

Editors Note: We have just received another letter from this young man and he advises us that he is seeking the Holy Ghost and expects to return to court hoping to have his sentence overturned or shortened.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION 28th Session Church of God in Christ Inc. convened in Los Angeles, California. July 19-25.

Headquarters, Biltmore Hotel

"Theme" CATCH A VISION" Proverbs 29:18.

Thanks be to God and The National staff of the Sunday School Dept. and to the Steering Committee, Host Bishop J. A. Blake Co-Host Bishop E. E. Cleveland State Supervisor.

Mother L. O. Hale, Bishop S.M. Crouch 2nd Asst. Presiding Bishop and a host of conventioners God's People called by his name.

For a most successful International Sunday School Convention.

From International President Bishop C. W. Williams.

Humbly submitted
International News Reporter
Mrs. Margaret Morgan, Colorado Springs, Colorado

DAILY SCHEDULE

8 A.M. National and Local Prayer Committees Rev. E.C. Taylor, Toledo, Ohio.

LABORATORY SCHOOL

Director, Dean Myrtle E. Vann Curriculum, Mrs. Francis Sipe Curtis.

The History of Christian Education—Rev. E. H. Moore Kansas City, Missouri

The Christian Liberal Arts College—Rev. Phillip H. Porter Denver, Colorado

Soul Winning—Rev. Nathaniel Jones, Barstow, California. And 30 class sessions on skillful teaching methods, special training courses for teachers and supts., Sunday school organizational principles and new teaching techniques were offered.

Conventioners enjoyed the thorough effectual teaching of Elder Roy L.H. Winbush, of Crowley, Louisiana as he instructed Sunday School teachers to be conditioned for their job. If pupils are taught week after week, month after month and their lives never change teachers should recognize their need to be conditioned for their job through the word of God and by the blood of the Lamb. The word of God makes difference in a life.

This reminds me of our MOTTO "A Child Saved is a Soul saved plus a life.

He admonished teachers and superintendents to stop fighting proper training and adapt to changes. Comes out of the rut of doing the same old way. He made it plain by giving the illustration of how years ago mothers would chew the food before feeding their babies, the mother getting the substance. Now in this new era a change has taken place. GERBERS has baby food already processed.

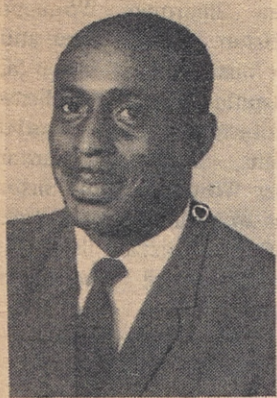
Learn new methods and techniques this will hold the interest of your class and draw others then the Sunday School will expand.

Our Editor-in-Chief taught the meaning of REVIEW meaning to go over what you have already been over, instilling the most important facts of the lesson, dates places and the main points to enrich the thought and help spiritual growth.

EXPRESSIONS—Bishop D. A. Burton, General Secretary COGIC, INC.

"I have learned something"
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Church News



SAINT DEWITT HILL

THOUSANDS ARE ATTRACTED TO TENT CRUSADES

"Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God: praying always with all prayer and supplication in the spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; and for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador...: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak." (Eph. 6:13-20).

The responsibility of the gospel has been delegated to the chosen ones of God. Jesus came seeking and saving the lost, and Christ in the heart of every truly baptized believer is seeking and saving the lost today. John The Baptist declared that Jesus would baptize with the Holy Ghost and fire and the fire with the spirit should have the world a flame of fire.

I thank God for the flame of Pentecost that continues to burn in my heart for lost souls. Jesus definitely said, "Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men." (Mark 1:17).

I can say without reservations that God has blessed me in a marvelous way during my 8th year of conducting tent crusades. In my own home town, Pine Bluff, we launched the first tent crusade and we could have been there all the summer. Our daily broadcast kept the public informed and the Lord gave us a soul-saving and healing crusade.

After ten days of successful revival in Pine Bluff, I journeyed to Arkadelphia, Arkansas, where I conducted a revival in 1966, and 75 people were saved and gave their names to become members of the Church of God in Christ. For 15 days the Lord did send showers of the latter

rain upon our hearts. Many testified to the miraculous healing power of the Lord. Others were reclaimed, revived and saved. The sponsors of this revival crusade were Elder O. N. Dennis and Elder F. Davis, who are pastors of the Church of God in Christ.

Bishop J.D. Husband, of Atlanta, Georgia, and the Superintendents, State mother, elders, missionaries, and membership of his diocese sponsored this crusade. This was the first time in the eight years history of my tent campaigns that the Bishop asked all his churches in the diocese to close and all come to the tent for spiritual reviving. Words cannot really give the success of this crusade. All our official titles were dropped and we called one another Brother and Sister.

From an historic place of the Church of God in Christ, Lexington, Mississippi, we launched another great crusade on the Mason Temple Parking area. This revival crusade was co-sponsored by Elder L. M. Haley, State Youth President and pastor of New Jerusalem COGIC, and Elder Samuel Smith, the General State Secretary and pastor of Southside COGIC. These combined gave unity, and where there is unity there is strength. The Lord gave us a great revival. Many people received salvation and healing. On the closing night, over 500 people witnessed the baptizing service. Jesus said, "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved and he that believeth not shall be damned. The preaching of the gospel will bring people to Christ. You pray and join us as we reap the harvest. DeWitt Hill, Evangelist Trinity Evangelistic Association Pine Bluff, Arkansas

BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8

Greetings in Jesus' name to the saints everywhere from Ephesian COGIC North, 1709 Alcatraz Ave., Berkeley, Calif.

Every Saturday morning a group of young adults at Ephesian are giving up two hours of their time, from 10 A. M. until 12 P.M., unto service for the Lord. We are engaged in a door-to-door witness program instituted as a result of a three day shut-in conducted by Elder John Lawrence of Jersey City, N.J. God spoke through His messenger that we at Ephesian have failed to get His word out to a dying world. Fifty of the saints stood as the evangelist called for volunteers for the

program of door-to-door evangelism to cover the Berkeley area. Elder Lawrence conducted classes nightly training us on how to witness effectively. A group of us gathered on the following Saturday morning, equipped with instructions and tracts, as Elder Lawrence prayed for us and launched us on our program before he left the city. We then went knocking on doors and entering into homes telling people that Jesus died for their sins.

Each week as we go about, we are finding a new inspiration to do a work for God. As we see others receive the gospel, our own souls are being blessed. Some of the things the group has experienced are: (1) A former Jehovah's Witness accepting Christ right in her home. (2) Giving explanations of the baptism of the Holy Ghost to Christians of different denominations, and (3) Praying for the sick in the various homes. We find, too, that young people who we encounter listen attentively and ask many questions, in their search for truth.

Truly, the harvest is ripe. Pray for us.

Bishop E. E. Cleveland, Pastor

Elder Joe King, Ass't., Pastor

Sister Marcella Scruggs, Reporter



EVANGELIST E. L. BATTLES

GOD'S GADFLY

In ancient Athens the great Philosopher, Socrates, went about disturbing many of the people with whom he came in contact because he constantly criticized complacency. He called himself a "gadfly" because he attempted to verbally "sting" men into striving for life's best. Those who find themselves in the presence of Evangelist E.L. Battles encounter this same "sting" today as he constrains men to come to Christ. He "disturbs" them with the "undiluted" Word of God. He is a GADFLY FOR GOD.

We of the Love Sanctuary—Mitchell Street Church of God in Christ Family, Fort Worth and Dallas, Texas, are Godly proud that we have this opportunity to honor our pastor, Evangelist E.L. Battles. We give deserved recognition to him for his integrity as a man, his excellence as a leader, and

most important, this devout dedication as a chosen servant of God. The demands which a three week revival makes on any evangelist are great, but they are especially strenuous on one who has pastored unceasingly all year in two churches. We are grateful for the sacrifice which he made to fulfill OUR REQUEST that HE conduct our Annual Summer Revival.

Evangelist Battles conducted the services with dignity and by the leading of the Spirit. For NINETEEN consecutive nights, he delivered God's Word simply and directly, but with power. In all of his messages, he made it clear that those who wish to prepare themselves for the return of the Saviour must come out of their sins "right now" and live holy according to the Word of God. He admitted that one does not live in holiness without persecution, but he assured them that the "rewards" of inner peace and sustaining power here on earth and eternal life afterwards are worth the price. He ministered to all who desired it with compassion, discernment, and wisdom.

Evangelist Battles worked untiringly each night. He conducted each service almost as if each was the opening night of the Revival. He taught not only by PRECEPT, but also by EXAMPLE. He has instructed us to be led by the Spirit, and he allowed the Spirit to lead and give Him priority over everything else. He has instructed us to be organized, and he conducted the services with order. He has instructed us to be fair and honest in our dealings with people, and he very fairly and honestly advised those who were saved and reclaimed to return to their churches if this was their choice. He has instructed us to put God first, and each night he sacrificed lengthy offerings (even on Evangelist Night) to devote the majority of the services to the preaching of God's Word and to tarrying with all of those who brought their individual cases to the Lord in prayer.

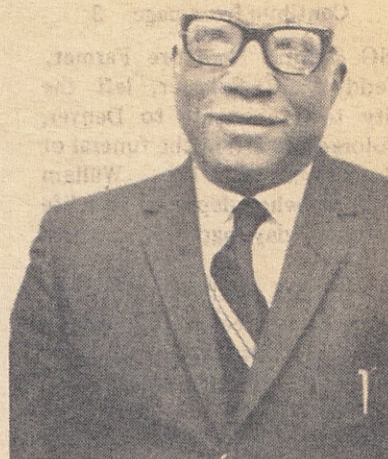
His work was not in vain. Many minds were stirred and hearts were softened which was evidenced by the large number who crowded the altar. The ill were healed. The burdened were lifted. Saints were revived and strengthened. Sinners were saved. Backsliders were reclaimed. He touched the lives of people from all walks of life. He will reap the benefits many times over for his endeavors. For the Lord always generously rewards His faithful, diligent servants.

The Revival was a Success. It lasted from July 26 to August 13, and God blessed mightily from the beginning to the end. We salute our own Elder E.L. Battles, Evangelist.

BUFFALO, NEW YORK

Greetings to the Pastors and Ministers everywhere May God's choice blessings be on each of you.

As President of the National and International Pastor and Ministers Fellowship, I am informing you that the Presiding



BISHOP WALTER L. WILLIAMS

Bishop and the Executive Board has granted us a day in the National and International convocation in Memphis, in November 1971. For this reason we cancelled the National and International Pastor and Ministers Fellowship Convention which was held each year in different cities. Now we will meet in Memphis, Tenn., with the Convocation, ready to make our reports as usual. I am asking each state president to have your report ready, also the offering for the National President. I am asking each State President to please collect three dollars (\$3.00) from each pastor and minister in his State and also a representative to appear on the program as it will be made up of the Pastors and Ministers.

I do hope you will start now so you will be ready in November as we want the Pastors and Ministers Day to be a great day in the Convocation. Just what day it will be, I do not know, but "Be Ye Also Ready". When you arrive, looking to the Lord for a great Convocation is my sincere prayer.

Yours for Service,

Bishop Walter L. Williams

LAWTON, OKLAHOMA

Bethel Church of God in Christ No. 2, Bell Street

Greetings to all Saints and friends everywhere. We, the members of the Bethel Church of God in Christ, are enjoying Jesus in the beauty of Holiness. We just closed our district meeting which was very successful, both spiritually and financially. We were blessed with several visitors of which we were very grateful, mainly because we love God and enjoy people.

Our district choir president, Mrs. Oneda Gamble, sponsored a king and queen contest during our district meeting. Verlene Gamble, daughter of Mrs. Gamble, was crowned queen; and Michael Johnson, grandson of Mrs. Esther Hunt, was crowned king.

We are now preparing for one of the greatest state women's conventions that we have ever had in our state. It has been said, and I quote: "We're in the west and we think we're the best." Our state women's convention will convene October 13th and hold throughout the 17th in Lawton at No. 2 Bell Street.

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LAWTON, OKLAHOMA

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SSG & Mrs. Theodore Farmer, Teddy, and Colester, left the city today enroute to Denver, Colorado to attend the funeral of their relative, Rev. William Coburn, who departed this life just a few days ago.

If you are without a church home please feel free to attend our church where you will hear one of the greatest preachers in the Church of God in Christ. We feel that our pastor is the greatest. We are very happy for our pastor's wife, who works wholeheartedly in our church along with being the music instructor at Dunbar School.

Saints, we are living in a day of discouragement; but remember that God is not dead, He is very much alive. When you think of the above statement, this should encourage you. It's so nice to have somebody to carry your troubles to, therefore, I am asking you to "Take it to the Lord in Prayer". We hear so many terms of power; Black power, Indian power, etc. May I say to the Saints, we need to seek more of God's power.

May God ever bless and encourage the Saints everywhere. Please pray for us.

Assistant Bishop J.A. Young, Pastor

Verna Mae Gaines, Reporter

MACON, GEORGIA

From the Holy Convocation of the Southern Georgia Jurisdiction,

Greetings: The convocation convened Monday, August 23, through August 29, at Ash Street Church of God in Christ; Macon, Georgia. Bishop C.J. Hicks, Presiding Bishop of Southern Ga. Jurisdiction was host pastor.

Monday night, a musical program, arranged by Sister Ruth King, and Sister agnes Brown was rendered.

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights, the Superintendents from various districts were in charge of the services. There were some very good messages brought to us in these services.

Friday was the "Women's Session". with Mother Artie B. Bride, State Supervisor of the Women's Department of the Southern Ga., Jurisdiction in charge of the services, Prayer and testimony services began at 10:30 A. M. and was led by Missionary Lizzie Bivens and Missionary Matilda Jackson.

When testimony services ended, Missionary Julia Cawthon, Co-Chairman of the Women's Department of Southern Ga., Jurisdiction, divided the assembly into three groups. There was a teacher and reporter chosen for each group. The topic for discussion was "The irresistible will of God." Several scriptures were used to discuss this topic and some very interesting points were brought out by each group.

After the discussion, Mother McBride was presented to the assembly. She brought to us this scripture. "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication" I Thess. 4:3. She said that it is God's will that we should be sanctified. Mother McBride admonished the Missionaries to "Prepare yourselves", and be ready to defend the doctrine of the Church. She warned us that "Many false prophets are gone out." It is a joy to sit and listen to one who have had so much experience in the Lord.

Saturday night, the young ministers in this jurisdiction came together to "stir their gifts".

Sunday was the most exciting part of the meeting, and the day that we look forward to hear the Annual Convocation Message. The crowd gathered from all over the Southern Ga., Jurisdiction, and were greeted heartily by presiding Bishop and Sister Hicks. The Air Conditioned Auditorium was filled beyond its capacity.

Bishop Hicks took his text from St. Luke 19:8-9 Verses: Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forasmuch as he also is the Son of Abraham, For the Son of God is come to seek and to save that which was lost. His Subject was "Salvation".

Bishop Hicks used several words to define salvation. One of the definitions was deliverance.

Bishop Hicks told of the INGREDIENTS of salvation. Some of them were: Grace, Redemption, Ransom, Sanctification, Forgiveness, and Glorification. As Bishop Hicks came to the highest point in his message the Lord came in the room and the Spirit of God began to speak through him expressly. We began to lift our hands in honor to God.

Pray that God will continue to enlighten our Bishop and Southern Georgia, will move forward for God.

As David said in his last words. "The God of Israel said, the Rock of Israel spake to me. "He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God." II Samuel 23:3

Elder C.J. Hicks, Presiding Bishop of Southern Ga., Jurisdiction

Mother Artie B. McBride-State Supervisor of Women's Department of Southern Ga., Jurisdiction

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

The Ephesians Church of God in Christ, Los Angeles are progressing in the strength of the Lord.

We were blessed in a great revival, also a District meeting. Our hearts and minds are now turned toward the National

Convocation in Memphis. We enjoy the fellowship of the Saints of God everywhere. Our Pastor and wife will be there.

Elder E. E. Cleveland, Pastor
Sister Lula Masters, Reporter

SOUTHWEST ARKANSAS

CONVOCATION HIGHLIGHTS:

The Lord is still blessing in Southwest Arkansas under the dynamic leadership of our Bishop, the Honorable Bishop R. B. Hatley and Supervisor, Mrs. J. B. Washington.

We have just closed another great convocation. The Bishop and Elders fed our little souls.

Mrs. J. B. Washington and her missionaries were on their jobs teaching the Women of the State.

We were entertained with a wonderful civic program and musical under the direction of the Host Superintendent, Elder Johnson and the state minister of Music, Sister Gladys Hill.

Elder R. L. Harbor, District President of the Youth Department extended a welcome from the district. We had such guest as the Mayor of the City and the Chief of Police who also extended welcomes and said their offices were ready to serve us anyway they could.

The opening message of the Convocation was brought by Bishop Leto Walker of Northwest Arkansas, Subject: "Pay Day Is Coming". This great message seemed to have set the tone for the rest of the meeting

The Convocation was well planned. During the day, services were taught in the Doctrines of the Church in a three day Seminar. Elder J. Harrison, H. Murphy and L. Hunt were the chairmen.

Tuesday night, Supt. A. B. McEwen Jr. of Memphis brought the message. Subject: God Heroes Acts 7: 22

Wednesday night, Elder Anderson one of our young progressive Elders brought us a dynamic message: Subject: The Stuff is Mixed Joshua 7:10, 11.

Thursday, President Ben Harris brought us a short message. His text was found Psalm 116:21. Elder Roden of Canada spoke to us Thursday night also.

Friday night, we heard another soul searching message from Elder Baldwin of Dallas, Texas Subject: Go Back To Bethel.

Saturday was our Supervisor's Day. Mother truly talked to her daughters. The Subject of her annual message. "Lost and Don't Know It". She brought several scriptures to explain her subject.

Saturday evening we enjoyed a great evangelistic service conducted by Missionary Grace Haney. The high point of this

service was a message brought by Missionary Mable Stubbs Kennedy. Subject: Blow. Text Joel the second chapter. This old warrior (voice not a strong one as it once was) stirred the Convocation.

Sunday, Bishop's Day, marked the final day of the convocation. Under the direction of the State Sunday School Superintendent, Elder D. L. Lindsey and his staff. We had one of the finest sessions in the History of the Convocation.

CASA GRAND

We the Saints of God greet the saints everywhere. We thank God for His Son Jesus. The Lord is blessing us.

We are glad for our pastor, Elder C. C. Edwards and his family. He is a young man, but the Lord uses him in great ways. We love them.

We built the Lord a house of worship and he is truly blessing us. "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the House of the Lord".

Our feet shall stay within Thy Gates O Jerusalem, pray for the peace Jerusalem that they shall prosper that love the peace within Thy walls. If Ye Love Me Keep My Commandments. Please pray for us.

ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING CELEBRATING "2" Years of Service of the Church of God in Christ.

THEME: The Man With The Keys. Matt. 16 and I will give unto thee the Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Rev. 1:18 I am he that liveth and was dead and be hold I am alive for evermore. Amen and have the keys of hell and of death. Luke 11:52 woe unto you lawyers for ye have taken away the Key of Knowledge. Rev. 3: 7 He that hath the Key of David, he that openeth and no man shutteth and shutteth and no man openeth. Rev. 9:1 and the fifth angel sounded and I saw a star fall from Heaven unto Earth and to him was given the Key of the bottomless pit.

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To the Editor of this wonderful Whole Truth Paper, we the members of the Smith Chapel Church of God in Christ are so happy for victory in our souls and to add our testimony to let you know that God is and has moved marvelously with our leadership Supt. and District Missionary D. L.L. Smith. We are lifting holy hands to God and are saying Yes to the one that is able to carry us on.

May I pause for a moment and say on the 10th of January, 1967 I was on my way to work having a time I thought with my friends. I became very ill, I was placed in the hospital, I was unconscious for a week. My foster sister and Missionary Smith came to the hospital and prayed for me. God healed me and brought me out. She told me to commit myself to God and I did. I told the Lord that I would stay in the field and I would not gamble. Please write my name above and I will obey. I will run, I will work until the day is done. Since then they have appointed me the President of Bible Band. I really love it. I haven't missed a night attending the band. So by me being so faithful, standing hard by the church and my pastor, God gave me another step up to be the Chairman over the church kitchen, I love to cook, so each sunday we have meals to go, if you are ever by come and dine with us.

Several months ago, God sent to us a wonderful missionary. A spiritual door knocker that goes from door to door inviting people to come to Christ. She has been successful in helping to add members to the church. We thank God also for our entire membership. Supt. of the Sunday School O. L. Hunter. Junior Church, A. B. Benson, President.

Please pray for our success in the Lord and also for our pastor and wife.

Sister A. B. Davis, Reporter
Supt. D. L. Smith, Pastor

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSION

Holy Greetings to all of the Saints. The time is fastly approaching for our National Convocation. "To The Home and Foreign Mission Auxiliaries"

Please come prepared. We want to do a bumper job this year. God Bless You.

International Chairman
Mother V. Goodlow

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

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today, most of our Sunday Schools are out of date and there is something we can do to motivate interest in our Sunday School.

PERSONAL--In interviewing a conventioner my question to her was "What is your opinion of the Lab School?" Answer: I enjoy it, I was not able to attend college when I was younger but now I enjoy learning from those who have been. I don't want to be backward but go forward in Christian education. It is my desire to go back home and put in to practice what I have learned".

Christian learning keeps your mind active and your thoughts elevated. To you our-beloved readers everywhere, how can you learn new methods and techniques, or improve what you already know.

Plan to attend the next Lab. School. International Sunday School Convention in Atlanta, Georgia 1972!

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS:

California Banquet Informal Tri-Jurisdictions of Southern California. Presented AN ELEGANT EVENING IN SUMMER, in the Blue Room, Biltmore Hotel. Graceful hostess in rainbow color formal attire directed us to our tables and we enjoyed a delicious meal.

The voice of our President expressed hearty and sincere thanks to Southern California for their splendid effort. The president also expressed great joy of the presence of Bishop and Mrs. V. M. Barker whom he was saved under many years ago.

(Writer) Beloved Bishop Barker at the age of 90 is yet walking straight and yet speaks words of wisdom. This magnifies the constant touch of the Lord. He is a life giver and preserver.

P R E S I D E N T ' S BANQUET-FORMAL

Biltmore Bowl Room Biltmore Hotel, National Courtesy Chairman -Mrs. Mattie Logan Assistant Mrs. Bobbie Macklin. PROGRAM Rev. Phillip H. Porter Color setting was of pale blue table cloths adorning all tables. The head table was flanked with a large multicolored center piece. Candelabrum of blue and white were lit and expertly spaced. Their light gave a most beautiful effect against the background of gold platform curtains as the house lights were dimmed, just long enough for Invocation and Grace.

We were favored with organ selections by Miss Clarice Williams our president's daughter, also solos by National Sunday School soloist Miss Shirley A. Black and National Chairman Miss Margaret Richardson. (of music)

Young Miss Vanessa Winbush, daughter of our Convention Chairman rendered a lovely piano selection,

The most delicious meal which began with a large Escoffier Salad, Louie with Ice Shrimp

and Crab legs and ended with Colombian coffee was scrumptious. We certainly dined sufficient.

This International Sunday School Convention, President's Banquet was graced with the presence of many dignitaries of this grand Church of God In Christ Inc. Bishop and Mrs. E. E. Cleveland, Co-Host Bishop. Mrs. J. O. Patterson, wife of presiding Bishop, Mrs. T. Iglehart, Bishop D. A. Burton, General Secretary COGIC, Bishop and Mrs. Leroy Anderson, Bishop and Mrs. V. M. Barkers, Mrs. Freddie Bell, Mrs. Cora Berry asst. Supervisor Southern California. Bishop and Mrs. J. A. Blake member of General Board National church, and others.

ANNOTATIONS--Voice of the President. Heartfelt gratitude and thanks to all refreshed us again coming from our president Bishop Cleveland W. Williams.

We were pleased to hear of a vision that our president has which will be of much benefit to conventioners. A time payment plan including transportation and hotel expenses is in view. He stated that his plan would be perfected and offered to us before this time next year.

Thank God! for leaders who are concerned about the people.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL IS MOVING ON!

In case you were not interested in going to Atlanta, Georgia next year the booster made so many great promises until if the Lord's will and He delays his coming, INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION, CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST INC.

ATLANTA, GEORGIA HERE WE COME!

National Pageant-Mrs. Essie Davis, Director Denver, Colorado.

A salute to Mrs. Davis for a splendid job well done. The pageant this year was more beautiful than every, as our youth of today were on parade.

Contestants from various states who raise over \$50.00 can compete for the crowning of Miss Sunday School.

This pageant is a financial supporter of the International Sunday school Convention.

MISS VENUS ANSLEY of Southern California was crowned MISS SUNDAY SCHOOL. She reported approximately \$300.00.

JENNIE B. JONES TEA --National hostess, Mrs. Lizzie Joshua.

The annual Jennie B. Jones tea was another gala affair and was held in the home of Co-Host Bishop E. E. Cleveland and wife. Mrs. Letta Van Zant and others favored the guest with musical selections.

Color for the setting was white and yellow. Table decor was white cloths and the center piece was white and yellow chrysanthemums THE HOSTESS TWELVE wore yellow gowns.

Appetizing delights were enjoyed by approximate 100 attending. Proceeds from the annual tea is used for the furtherance of the National Sunday School Depts efforts. It is sponsored by the Laboratory school.

PRESENTATIONS

In answer to the request from general church Bishop C. W. Williams International Sunday school President presented presiding Bishop J. O. Patterson a check of Five Thousand dollars from the International Sunday school.

This was the HIGHLIGHT OF THE HIGHLIGHTS.

Expression of thanks from Bishop Patterson were "If all members of the church were as loyal as you, we would certainly have a greater church". You help make it possible for our Saints Jr. College to operate also Charles Harrison Mason Seminary. For all this and more I am grateful".

An Admiral Club Award was presented to President Williams by Mr. Arthur Appel of Ross Travel Bureau from the American Airline.

Dr. C. C. Owens R1. Workers Guild presented International President Williams award of International Man of The Year. SS.

A lavish gift was given to Mrs. J. O. Patterson, wife of presiding Bishop from Supts. wives, Chairman Mrs. Annie E. Williams.

Other presentations and awards were made during this grand session of the ISSC.

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Rev. Nathaniel Jones--Vice Chairman of Sunday School Convention by request of Convention Chairman Roy Winbush.

Rev. Louvornal McDaniel--Asst. Exec. Secretary, Bishop Kinard-- Councillor to the President, Elder Wryatt, Bashum--Aid to the President, Rev. Jacob Cohen--Chairman of registration, O. C. Baker--International chairman of transportation committee., Miss Wendy Daniels--Portland, Oregon Convention Typist.

Mrs. Margaret Morgan, Colorado News Recorder, International Booster Assistant Recording Secretary.

YOURS FOR THE WORK OF THE MASTER.

EXPRESSIONS

Testimony--A young man from the Pasadena Youth Center, who tried to satisfy a hunger and fill the emptiness in his life by taking 'dope', such as LSD, morphine, and smoking marijuana, testified of after searching for more in life decided to see if God was real. After reading a tract he fell on his knees and asked God if He was real. God brought a change in his life and now he is in his 3rd year of College!

Yes! God is real for I can feel

Him in my soul right now! The spirit bore witness to this young man's testimony, he has a live testimony. That God is real, only a real God can transform a man from death to life.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Talent--BLIND Miss Darlene Andrews of California selected Miss Teenager of the year, age 16, recited a poem titled CREATION. Miss Andrews also rendered a organ selection of HE'S THE JOY OF MY SALVATION.

She gave these numbers not as one in weakness of self pity, but as one who had triumphed through Christ over her afflictions.

Phil. 4:13. I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Anointed Director-of one of the choirs approximate 12 years of age displayed the power of the Holy Ghost in directing!

This is our youth, not only the future church, but are the church of today.

Mrs. Ada Patrick-National Field Representative gave greetings in her meek yet forceful in the Lord manner. She stated that the Plane Captain aboard their Chartered plane had never flown people like this before! no smoking on board, or no smoking at all.

Matthew 5-16. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

By the way Mr. Plane Captain, you were flying new creatures in Christ Jesus to the International Sunday School Convention of the CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC.

Bless His Holy Name, Thank God for Jesus!

Instructive--Mrs. Cora Berry greeted us from Southern California. Assistant Supervisor. Telling us that we have educated our children and time is out for I reckon so, or I speak, or perhaps. But knowwhat you are talking about.

II Timothy 2:15. Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth".

TOUCH OF GOD! Mrs. Annie E. Williams wife of our International President and Chairman of Superintendents wives had been very ill in the hospital before the convention. We could see that the Lord had touched her, as she sang accompanied by National soloist Miss Shirley A. Black of Connecticut and Miss Margaret Richardson, our Sunday School Theme song NEVER SAY FAIL!

BLIND MAN--Elder Daniels was certain added inspiration to the Sunday School service. On the back home hour. He spoke under the mighty anointing of God, On the God of Jacob is

our Refuge before his message he came forth singing HE TOUCHED ME!

Elder Daniels truly gave us the message of the hour. He spoke of a truth that God is our very help in the time of trouble. Its good to be still and know that He is God. Then he can direct you in every course of life.

EXPRESSIONS:

Bishop D. A. Burton spoke encouraging words of how he was astounded of the great hospitality shown him from our President Bishop C. W. Williams and his National Staff.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL IS MOVING ON!

Mrs. J. O. Patterson wife of our presiding Bishop, expressed gratitude in the Love of Christ of such great hospitality that was shown to her by All of Gods Children in this great session of The International Sunday School Convention.

Our gracious first lady of this church spoke in much sincerity and would smile and speak to any of the least of God's little one's.

What a true example this is for women everywhere to follow. As the first lady sets the pace.

Discussion; "Catch A Vision" Rev. Louvornal McDaniel, Moderator Assistant Exec. Secretary.

Sub-topics Christ, The world; The Christian and Effect.

Rev. Edgar Scott, Chambersburg, Penna. spoke of EFFECT--Hope, inspiration, growth, and progress. This dynamic speaker made it plain what a vision is and the need of it. Visions has a meaning. Every leader must have a vision, people will line up with your program if you have a vision. Programs that result from visions are successful. Visions inspire one to go out into new areas and to move forward. Rev. Scott continued in saying that progress will not come by just catching a vision, but put it to work.

PROGRAM PANTOMINE

Given by Divine Revelation to Mrs. Inez Davis a few years ago, was CRUCIFIXION. Narrator, Mrs. Margaret Morgan both of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

This vision was portrayed in 3 part scenes by five young ladies, GETHSEMANE-CRUCIFIXION HOLY CITY.

A pantomime is telling the story without speaking, with the facial expressions and body movements. Once again the pantominers depicted Christ praying in GETHSEMANE--Christ bleeding and suffering and dying on the cross, and the last scene (CRUCIFIXION) HOLY CITY.

Miss Shirley A. Black of Ansonia, Connecticut was the soloist for the Pantomime and was inspired to do this task. Accompanied by Minister Van Zant. (Piano)

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Scenery background for the pantomine was a large wooden cross on the original oil painting of the CRUCIFIXION painted by church of God in Christ Minister Lawrence Harris, self-taught artist with natural talent given by God, and well know in the secular world.

Minister Harris the son of Mrs. Davis and brother The Pantomine Narrator, Mrs. Margaret Morgan.

The pantominers had willing minds to be trained by Mrs. Davis to portray the pantomine through the vision given her. Through many hours of prayer and sacrifice, the vision caught was put to work. Thank God for without him we can do nothing.

Pantominers from the ages 14-17 all from Colorado Springs, Colorado were blessed of the Lord by his touch, when they went to the altar to be prayed for in their church the Sunday night before they left for the Convention. So God was a reality in their lives.

The 45 minute pantomine ended with the HALLELUJAH! chorus, and brought forth rejoicing from the conventioners, therefore we know that mission had been accomplished someone had caught the vision! and our trip was not in vain, because the spirit bore witness that the Lord was glorified.

Pantominers also enjoyed the sessions of the convention and were inspired of the many good things they heard.

MESSAGES

Bishop J. A. Blake, Member of General Board, and Assistant Bishop of Southern California was the first to break the ice with a God fearing message.

Great messages came forth from Bishop D. A. Burton, General Secretary and Elder C. N. Rucker, Kansas City Missouri and Bishop S. C. Cole.

We dined sufficient at the spiritual table as Bishop Samuel Crouch, State Bishop of Southern California and second assistant, presiding Bishop. Warned us that the Lord was coming soon in all His King and glory and that if we were not careful he will catch us with our work undone. Truly this was a soul stirring message.

He told us of how Lot's wife was caught looking back at things. He told us if we look to people or things we will fall into captivity. So true So true. Words of wisdom from the wise.

A TRIBUTE TO THE
INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY
SCHOOL CONVENTION.

Message from our presiding Bishop J. O. Patterson.

Our hearts were truly stirred as our presiding Bishop came forth with a song There is rest for the weary, followed by the praise of Yes Lord!

The Lord blessed us and refreshed us as we sang He's Sweet I Know. Bishop Patterson asked us if we knew that Jesus

was on His way back? and that the Lord is trying to get his church ready to take it with him when he comes.

Prepare to meet God. Brethren if its ever a time to preach the gospel its now. There's no time to be popular. Preach the truth. He brought many things and stirred our pure minds.

He also said that he had been inspired to see the International Sunday School move and work as a family, everyone working fitly in their place. It was a great treat and a blessed privilege to hear our presiding Bishop speak from the throne of Grace.

VOICE OF THE
INTERNATIONAL
PRESIDENT OF THE SUNDAY
SCHOOL CONVENTION.
Bishop Cleveland W. Williams.

We of the Sunday School family and conventioners from various parts of the country enjoyed the many expressions coming from President throughout the convention.

From the beginning he stated that his heart was thrilled and he was happy to be in the State of California. After working with the late Bishop Patrick for many years he knew his dreams and his desires, and even though he was sleeping in his grave Bishop Williams stated it was his desire to fulfill Bishop Patrick's dreams.

The mark of a leader, is one who works with and under, not over. Until his appointed time comes.

I remember hearing the president say I never get up in public and throw out on my workers, for this kills them and their influence, with the people and a dead man cannot do the job you appoint him to do.

This is my beloved readers to me is the TRUE MARK OF A GOD SENT LEADER.

President Williams also expressed his desire to have one of the Mason children always in his sessions.

He said "I won't forget your children if you don't forget mine.

Another Mark of a Leader.

He exhorted parents who brought children to the convention to teach them not to be destructive and not run up and down in the halls but set down and learn something.

Parents obeyed, because the once stated the hotel Manager said that our church group was the best dressed and the most well behaved group that had ever held a convention in this hotel. Biltmore Hotel.

Theme "CATCH A VISION"

Our President spoke out of his heart straight from the throne of grace. He admonished conventioners to go back home and catch a vision. First of lost and perishing souls. To portray the living gospel to a dying world. Go back to house canvassing with prayer and win souls to Christ, for without a vision the people perish.

He testified to us of how the

church property was destroyed by a flood and he started to leave his home town but the Lord spoke to him and said "LOOK Up for your redemption draweth nigh. After falling on his knees and calling out to the Lord He made a way for him to receive a loan of \$72000 to restore the property.

He admonished Superintendents to go home and catch a vision. So that they could bring up their reports.

On Sunday night the convention closed with souls coming to the altar, after the message of Elder Samuel A. Fluker.

When souls come to the altar, this is surely the Lords way of approval on any service or convention.

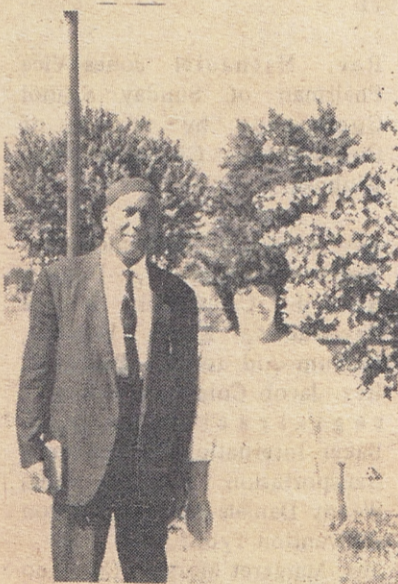
EXPRESSION OF THANKS
FROM THE PRESIDENT

A special thanks from President C. W. Williams to Bishop J. A. Blake Adms. Asst. So. California for a splendid Post Convention in San Diego, California. Words cannot begin to express the hospitality shown. Housing was provided for all and the food at the banquet was delicious well prepared and well served.

Breakfast prepared for the President and wife and for the convention Chairman Rev. Roy Winbush was greatly enjoyed. Thanks to Mrs. Blake who also took them to the airport. Off to Hawaii-

Report later.

And so ends the 28th session of the International Sunday School Convention CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC.

THANK GOD FOR
EVERYTHING!

SUPT. THOMAS BUSH
Fresno, California

TESTIMONY OF SUPERINTENDENT
THOMAS BUSH

Greetings to the saints of God everywhere from the voice of our pastor and superintendent.

"Superintendent T. Bush of the Wayside C.O.G.I.C.-Pastor, Superintendent of the Nazarene District and Missionary L. Rhodes District Missionary.

Happy to report victory through the blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who wrought a miracle in my body with cancer and we're shouting the victory. Doctor gave me up in the hospital to die but thank God. Jesus came in and healed

my body--thank God, Jesus came in and healed my body--thank God for the blood of Jesus.

The wife and I are rejoicing, Missionary Helen Bush, and we're pastoring in Fresno, Calif.

I took sick right after I returned from the Memphis meeting last year. I had six convulsions and I was rushed to the hospital unconscious. The doctor said that they did all they could do. I passed through the valley of shadow of death. The Holy Ghost told me that I was healed and I told Elder Davidson, from Bakersfield, Calif. and we had a time.

One half side of my body was paralyzed but God breathed on me and gave me life in that side. I told him if you healed me, I'll clap this hand, which was afflicted, and give him the praise.

They drilled two holes into my head to relief the pressure on my brain and to get to the tumor. They gave me radiation treatments to open my muscles to eat and swallow but it didn't work, so God worked his own machine.

I was trying to eat and could only use one hand and God spoke to me and said 'Behold I was dead, but behold I live for evermore.'

God took me down and showed me Hell, and the people were cutting up down there, killing and devouring one another. So God brought me back to tell the people, Oh, I have a message".

His relatives and friends came from far and near to be at his bedside for the doctors gave him only ten days to live but God said live for I have unfinished work for you to do.

Truly we thank God for the prayers of the saints everywhere. He is known to the district as the 'WALKING MIRACLE' and to know where God brought him from YOU can really say, he is a 'WALKING MIRACLE'.

Truly God is adding to the church since this miracle has happened.

Will you continue to pray for us here at Wayside as we strive to make Heaven our home.

Sis. Shirley Rhodes
Reporter

KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

September 18th, and 19th, 1971 will certainly go down in history as Red Letter Days for the Pastor, officers, and members of The Greater Grace Memorial Church of God in Christ, Knoxville, Tennessee. It was at this time that a long lived dream was brought into full focus. The Pastor and congregation dedicated their lovely and spacious new church home. The City of Knoxville was highly honored to have Presiding J.O. Patterson, and his 100 voice Pentecostal Temple Sanctuary Choir to share in this most glorious occasion. Also on hand was Sister Freddie J. Bell, the Pastor's Mother, Rev. W. L. Porter, National Public Relations

Director, Administrative Assistant, Tennessee 2nd Jurisdiction Elder J. E. Poindexter, State Supervisor, Mother Fannie Page, Mrs. Debra Patterson, wife of Presiding Bishop, and to our Pastor's surprise, several members of this immediate family from Cleveland, Ohio and other special guest from various other states and denominations. Several local ministers, Civic Leaders, City Officials and saints took an active part in the Dedication Activities

Upon Bishop Patterson's arrival at the Knoxville Airport, The Greater Knoxville Chambers of Commerce, of which Bell is a member, rolled out the red carpet of welcome. Mr. John Murrian, Vice Mayor of the City, presented a Key to the City of Knoxville to the Bishop. Also on hand at the airport to greet the Bishop was Black City Councilman Theotis Robinson, and a delegation of saints. The Television Cameras filmed the Welcoming Activities and aired them on the 11:00 Saturday Evening News.

The Pentecostal Temple Sanctuary Choir was presented in a full Concert on Saturday Evening, September 18, To say the least, the Concert was most rewarding and spiritual.

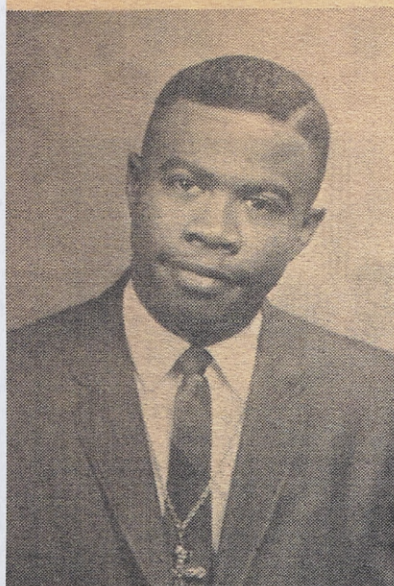
On Sunday afternoon, September 19, Bishop Patterson delivered, to a standing room only audience, a most glorious Dedicational Sermon, in which he admonished the saints to not only glory in Bethel, "The House of God", but to go beyond Bethel and seek El-Bethel, "God of the House of God". The pastor's mother sang a most beautiful solo and music was furnished by the Grace Memorial Choir and Pentecostal Temple Sanctuary Choir.

The Grace Memorial Church had an unusual beginning. During Elder Bell's two years of Pastorage of the Rock Temple Church of God in Christ, Knoxville, Tenn., he developed a tremendous burden to see a work of God established in the East Knoxville area. Upon his resignation of the fore-mentioned church, he was led of the Lord in the fulfillment of this dream. However, the Denomination did not feel it advisable to organize such a work. Elder Bell, having a desire to follow the wishes of the church and yet not deny the heavenly vision, organized an Evangelistic Association which included crusades, radio, , and travel. To say the least, times were perilous and crucial.

In the meanwhile there was a group of saints of various denominations meeting in the College Homes projects apartments of Mother Talitha Ellison. After several meetings, this group expressed a desire to work with Elder Bell in his Evangelistic Ministry. They then moved to 709 Chestnut Street, the home of Brother and sister James Person. After several fruitless efforts to gain the endorsement of the denominations, the group after much prayer, decided to move forward in God.

Elder Bell cautioned the group against animosity and encouraged them to keep their

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ELDER HAROLD BELL
Knoxville, Tennessee

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eyes on the goal. They then entered into a lease option contract on a piece of property that later proved inadequate for their purposes.

After rather difficult times, the saints in January 1967, decided to organize themselves as the Grace Memorial Church. They then rented a store building at 3922 McCalla Avenue in the Burlington Shopping Center of East Knoxville with no finance in the treasury. Pastor Bell asked the owner of the building if he would hold it for two weeks. He went to Michigan to hold a revival and returned with enough money to pay the first month's rent.

Brother James Person, in whose home the church had its beginning, along with Bro. Aaron Staples, and Pastor Bell, entered the building and began a work of faith. The Lord, somehow in all of His great power to provide, moved upon the heart of scores of companies who granted credit to the church. Not one major purchase was made in cash, we learned during those days to say with Abraham of old, "The Lord Will Provide". Grace Church shall never cease to give thanks to God for Bro. James Person who worked in the cold winter chill of January, without heat in the building, until the beautifully paneled walls were fitted together, the doors hung the carpet laid, the pews and piano put in place.

Time nor space will permit us to tell in detail all that the Lord has done for us in these past four infantile years. Suffice to say, though out growth was slow, it was constant. The Attendance grew from one visitor on that opening Sunday of January, 1967 to a capacity congregation. During our Store-front days, the church installed a Dail-a-Prayer Ministry, purchased a church model organ, bought a parsonage, and a 60 passenger bus. The church began broadcasting their Sunday morning Worship Services live and direct from the Church Chapel, 11:00 to 12:00 noon. the Lord also gave Grace Church an outstanding ministry with Knoxville College and the University of Tennessee.

In January 1971, the Lord spoke to Elder Bell concerning the church and today as we look retrospectively, we can see fulfillment of his prophecy. In March of this year, we learned to our utter surprise that we would



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have to surrender the building within 30 days. At first it appeared that ill fate had struck us, but instead of giving up, the faithful and loyal saints undertook the tremendous task of raising \$10,000 to relocate. After trying several doors, none of which materialized, we then entered negotiations to purchase our present church home. The church had numerous apprehensions about buying such a large church building. It was our desire to build, but even though we had bought and paid for property, we soon learned that God was at work fulfilling his will in us. Seven weeks later, a cash down-payment was made, and, we moved into our new church home. (And some people say that the days of miracles are passed) May we conclude as Israel said, "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad". The beautifully remodeled sanctuary with a seating capacity of over 500, the two leveled educational wing with six smaller auditoriums, over 40 classrooms, and a fellowship hall stands on 30 thousand square footage of land, as a living Memorial of what the Grace of God will do for people who will rest their faith in him. The Grace Memorial Church solicits your prayers for their continued success.

IN MEMORY OF MOTHER IDA FLAGG

The life of Mother Flagg
Still lives today
In the hearts of the people
Each and every day

She went to church on Sunday
And always knelt to pray
For the people everywhere
To the Master she would say

Please have mercy on the people
That is traveling here and there
Help them see the light
Protect them with love and care.

She always had a kind word
For everyone that she met
The words that were spoken
You didn't always forget

She would sing the Old Time songs
That made the people shout
And changed their way of living
To the kind she talked about.

By Virginia Wade
Rt. 2 Alamo, Tennessee

EL DORADO, ARKANSAS

Holy Greetings from the Plum Street Church of God in Christ in El Dorado, Arkansas. Peace be with you.

The Lord is yet blessing in a big and wonderful way. The Lord have added souls to the Church through 9:00 O'clock prayer, conducted by Sister Poland and Sister Brown. Please pray for them, without prayer we cannot make it.

The Lord have wonderfully blessed through our pastor carry on 2:00 O'clock prayer everyday which have been in session for eight years, conducted by the pastor, truly a man of God.

Mother Kennedy from Little Rock, Ark., ran a meeting, and many were blessed. The Lord blessed through our pastor, Elder Lewis C. Cook many blessings, healings, and savings of the souls. Through him a lady that attended service whom had a head ache for a week was healed. She couldn't stop the headache with anything. But the man of God prayed and she was and is delivered.

On another occasion a sister was suffering from back trouble for several months, through the pastor she was healed and delivered and every since, she hadn't had any trouble. God is yet working through the man of God.

Peace, Love, and Joy be with you. Please continue in prayer. Christ is the answer.

Pastor, Elder L. C. Cook

Reporter, Joyce Hall



REID TEMPLE C.O.G.I.C. OBSERVES GOLDEN JUBILEE

Reid Temple Church of God in Christ, East Orange, N.J. formerly located in Orange, observed its 50th Golden Jubilee Anniversary and Annual Homecoming Day Service on Sunday, September 12. Rev. John L. Bazemore, D.D., Pastor.

In observance of this auspicious occasion, the exterior of the



President Winbush (center) with Madam Mattye Wigley (left) and Elder F. E. Perry, Jr. inspect the new Sunday School Commentary and other literature of the church.

church was colorfully decorated with flags and a 50th Anniversary Banner.

Fellowship Reunion Dinner was served in the Church Dining Room compliments of the Hospitality Club.

The Anniversary Committee, under the leadership of Mrs. Olive Brown, Chairman and Mrs. Elizabeth Forney, Co-Chairman, published a Souvenir-Program Journal which presented the majestic story of the Church of God in Christ, Orange - now known as Reid Temple Church of God in Christ, from its humble beginning in 1921 to the present. . . 50 Years of Service to God and Humanity. In this Journal appeared a picture of our Late Bishop C. H. Mason, Founder of the Church of God in Christ; a congratulatory letter from The Honorable William S. Hart, Sr., Mayor of the City of East Orange; a Message from the Pastor - Rev. John L. Bazemore which in part stated: "For a half a century Reid Temple has served the communities of Orange and East Orange and other adjacent cities. From its first motion as an organism in the hearts of the pioneers of the church to the present time, it has faced many hard trials and tribulations, either by God for their growth or by the enemy for their destruction. But when one can think of the many incomparable victories and achievements of Reid Temple during these 50 years, he can say as the poetess, Annie Flint:

Hitherto the Lord hath helped us,
Hitherto His hands hath led,
Hitherto His arms protected,
Hitherto His bounty fed".

Also in the Souvenir Journal appeared the History of Reid Temple as given by Mrs. Olive Brown, Administrative Assistant. A roster of the Official Staff and Auxiliary Leaders. Pictures included: Our Pastor, Rev. John L. Bazemore, who has been with us for seven months; our Pastor's wife, Mrs. Lucille Bazemore and our Pastor's family. The Birthplace (storefront) of the Church of God in Christ, 156 Parrow Street, Orange; The First Church Building - 69 Oakwood Avenue, Orange and the Present Church Building, 154 N. Oraton Parkway, East Orange. Pastors of Reid Temple: Elder Mack Miller, first pastor who served from 1921 to 1925 (deceased) picture not available; The late Overseer

PRESIDENT WINBUSH PREPARES FOR CONVOCATION

Recently, President Roy L. Winbush, president of the National Publishing Board made a visit to the National Headquarters and Publishing House to prepare for the Sixty-fourth Holy Convocation of the Church, which convenes in November from the 9th through the 19th.

Literary material was inspected and the book-store was prepared for the delegates and visitors in order that there might be a systematic manner in distributing the books, pamphlets, and several other items of interest. Having completed the Annual Commentary for the Sunday School, President Winbush is shown in the printing plant of the Publishing House with the Elder F. E. Perry, of Cleveland, Ohio, who is the manager of the Book Store. And Madam Mattye Wigley of Memphis inspecting the same.

Remember to visit the Book-Store while in Mason Temple and don't forget to support your Publishing House.

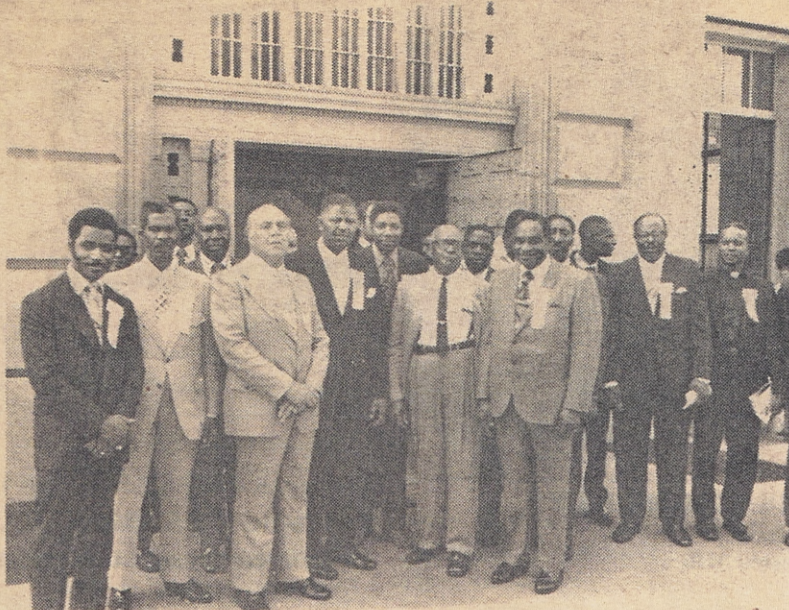
J. E. Bryant who served from 1925 to 1929; the Late Bishop Andrew J. Reid, who served from 1929 to 1948; Bishop J. O. Patterson who served from 1949 to 1955 and Bishop DeWitt A. Burton, who served from 1955 to 1971. Pioneers of the Church - the Late Mother Lula M. Cox, Mother Anne L. Bailey, the late Missionary Hattie Fray and Mother Maude Jackson. Church Mothers - the Late Mother Ella Simmons, the late Mother Rosa Graham, Mother Johnnie Reid and Assistant Church Mother, Mother Maggie James. Group Pictures of the various Boards, Clubs and Auxiliaries of the church. Congratulatory ads and pictures from members, friends, businessmen and merchants. A special memorial section "IN MEMORY OF" our deceased loved ones was also a part of the Journal.

The Anniversary program was held at 3:30 p.m., at which time Mother Maggie James, Assistant Church Mother gave the Welcome Address. The response to the welcome was given by Mrs. Dorothy Magwood of Newark. Mother Johnnie Reid, wife of the late Bishop A.J. Reid and the present Church Mother

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FROM ILLINOIS CENTRAL JURISDICTION:

"Go ye into all the world...and compel them to come." The words of Jesus to His ministers and it is in the spirit of that text that the Central Jurisdiction of Illinois under the godly leadership of Bishop Louis Henry Ford has initiated a prison reform program, designed to win souls for the Kingdom of God. In the photographs below, Bishop Ford and the area ministers are prayerfully making contact with those men who have been imprisoned for crimes ranging from petty larceny to murder. Place: Cook County House of Correction in Chicago, Illinois (Description under each photograph)



The Bishop and Board of Elders prepares to enter Cook County Jail to minister



Illinois Law required that each one be searched before entering the cells and compounds.

It should be noted that Bishop Ford is one of the members of the General Board and National Co-ordinator of the Church of God in Christ, Pastor of the St. Paul Church in Chicago and Presiding Prelate of the Central Jurisdiction of Illinois. With such a demanding schedule and crowded itinerary, Bishop Ford finds time to serve as one of the Commissioners of the Cook County Department of Corrections in Illinois. Having served the Commission so faithfully, Bishop Ford was presented with a Gold Shovel and Plaque by the Sheriff Elrod of Cook County for having formulated the program for a new facility for women within the correctional body of Illinois. The Jurisdiction has been blessed to have the favor of the Executive Director of the Department of Corrections, Mr. Winston Moore. The Warden of the Cook County Jail, Mr. C. Richard English has stated "The general attitude of the inmates toward the system has improved considerably due to Bishop Ford and the Board's work and concern"

Another example of the Hedges and Highways Ministry which is almost extinct in the church. Thank God for men and women such as those named in this issue. Our hats are off the those Bishops and General Officers who have taken time to be concerned about souls at a personal level, as well as collectively.



Here, Bishop Ford addresses hundreds of prisoners while musician (in background) listen to the simple gospel story.

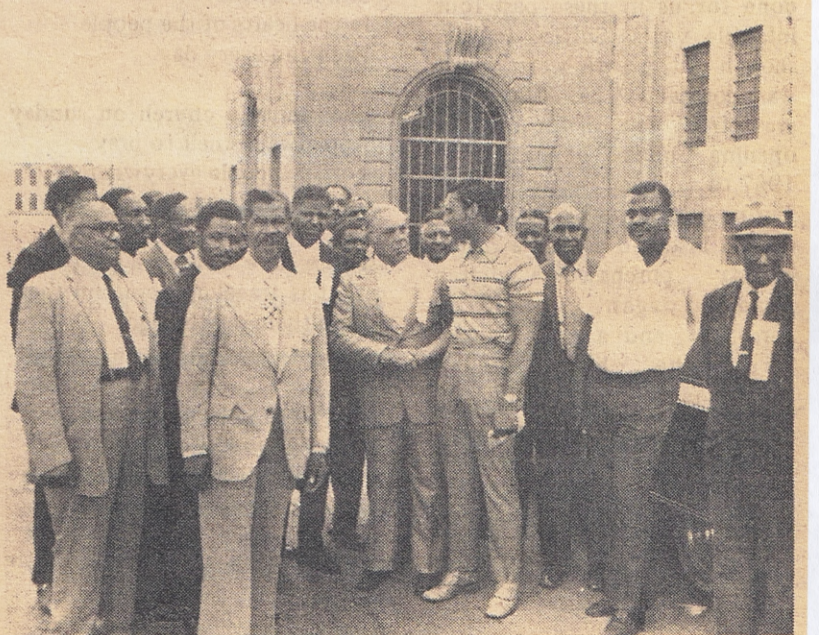
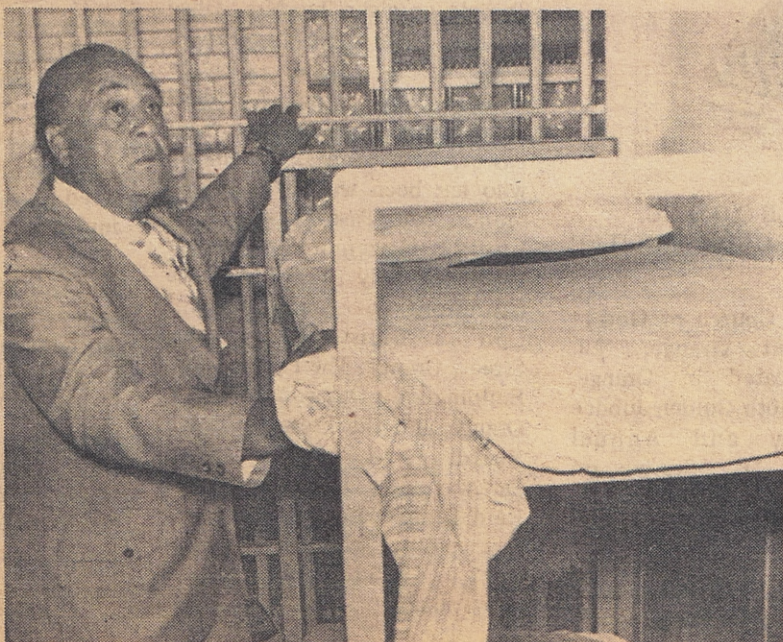
"The sang praises....and the prisoners heard them".

The Bishop with Elders inspect the condition of the facilities for recreation and admire the art work of one of the inmates. The title of the painting, being inspected, could very well be called "Bound".



This section was "death row" but now has been converted into "art studio" under the progressive direction of Mr. Winston Moore, Executive Director.

The bishop farther, inspects the personal living or sleeping quarters and thus, showed to those inmates that the Gospel is, "Love in Action".



Finally.....Men and brethrens, what must I do to be saved? Here, the bishop is greeted by the Warden, of the prison, Mr. C. Richard English.

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TULSA, OKLAHOMA

To the saints near and far, greetings in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. I am thankful today God counted me worthy and saved me from sin and shame. Most of all I have a mind to walk with God in these evil days.

These are the last days and its praying time. Men and Women everywhere need to take time and pray, like we use to do years ago. Some say, I use to fast and pray, its not what we use to do, but what are we doing now.

Jesus is soon to come for His church. We need to lay a hold on eternal life through prayer. Are you praying like you use to? We need to quit talking about so many things and pray. "Men ought always to pray and not to faint" St. Luke 18: 1 People don't go to church any more, they stay home all day and look at television. But we need to pray so we can stand whats to come in months to come.

Don't let the television take your prayer time. Pray and seek God now so you can be ready to meet God. Saints its praying time.

Please remember me when you pray, Evan L. Tillman
St. Paul Church of God in Christ
Elder A. D. Jackson, Pastor
Bishop A. L. Hearne

THE HOLY GHOST FALLS IN NORTHERN OHIO

I realize that there are many of the Bible Wizards of our Church who will read this subject and wonder what type of person would make such a statement knowing that the Holy Ghost is given. But I speak of an outpouring of the Holy Ghost with Fire under a Gospel Tent in Youngstown, Ohio in the month of September.

Bishop R. S. Fields, Presiding prelate for the Northern Ohio Jurisdiction of the Church and Pastor of the Bethel Church of God in Christ, extended an invitation to Dr. Loran E. Mann of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and Dr. J. Delano Ellis, II of Memphis, Tennessee to come to Youngstown with their Gospel Tent and conduct a "Soul Saving Crusade". Needless to say, the Lord set His approval upon the meeting and scores were won for the Lord while bodies were healed through the Power of God which is His word.

God, once again, proved that gimmicks and tricks, signs, and plans are not His method for reaching the world. . . rather, "it pleased God, that through the preaching of the Gospel, men should be saved". God once again proved to Ohio that His word is enough and everything else is unnecessary.

One lady testifies to the Youngstown Meeting: "I had been suffering with heart trouble for several years and had resolved myself to the fact that I would have to take it easy the

rest of my life. As I walked upon the Camp Ground on which the Tent stood, I approached the sixteen foot cross which faced, the highway and noticed the red (blood-like) paint dripping from the staked cross and quoted that passage from Isaiah 6 and with His stripes I am healed.' Immediately I claimed my healing and I have not been bothered since. I no longer use my medicine for I was healed by the power of God's word.

A young man Testifies: I was high on junk when I attended the meeting and heard Dr. Ellis from Memphis preached on the 10th chapter of Romans. I was hip to the stuff he preached; heroin, red devils, yellow jackets, glue sniffing, skin popping, fits, fixes, etc. But I heard the word of God and believed it. I heard the young Elder prophecy and tell me that God would deliver me if I had guts enough to stick the meeting out for seven nights. I tried...it worked...I'm saved...thanks be to God. I also joined Bishop Fields' Church in Youngstown.

Countless others were blessed so until the news media of the city stood up and took note of the revival in Youngstown. Every day the Newspapers were covering the events of the meeting. The banker came, the butcher, the baker, the candlestick maker, all came to hear the word of the Lord. Many were filled with the Holy Ghost in their automobiles as they sat outside and listened to those spirit-filled men of God. The pastors of the Jurisdiction brought their choirs to share in the music nightly, and our hearts were thrilled. Thank God for the Word of God.

Bishop R. S. Fields, Host
Miss Addie Poindexter, Reporter

SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

Greetings to the Saints of God Everywhere in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ from Holy Temple Church of God in Christ here in Springfield, Massachusetts. May God's blessings forever be yours freely.

The Lord is here in Springfield and He is doing great things. Last Summer (1971) The Lord saved adults and children here at Holy Temple. That let us know God is yet calling sinners to be saved, baptized with the Holy Ghost. The Lord came from heaven and touched them while they were tarrying at the altar. And the spirit of the Lord fell down upon the church and the church started rejoicing in the Glory of God. God is Good. The tarrying service was lead through the direction of Mother Jones under the guidance of the Holy Ghost. Now Mother is working with the children who are new converts. It is really beautiful to see children (ages 10-12) rejoicing in the Lord of their soul salvation.

We thank God for our pastor, Elder Henry Smith, because under his Leadership our church

is growing both spiritually and naturally. Our pastor always wants us to fellowship with other churches in the city. It is wonderful for saints to get together and praise God.

Sunday, September 19th was set aside for a special service. It was to welcome all the vacationers back. We were blessed that morning to have Elder Charles Brewer, Jr. of New Haven, Connecticut to bring the congregation "The Bread of Life". Elder Brewer preached that "We Need An Earthquake". His text was taken from Acts 4: 29-31. He told us that "We Need God To Shake Us Real Good". There's something about his power when he teaches you he will radiate your sanctified soul. That afternoon we were blessed to have in our presence Mother P. Gibson of Boston, State Supervisor of Massachusetts First Jurisdiction and Missionary Robinson also of Boston, State Finance Chairman of the Women's Department. Missionary Robinson presented a "Pure White Linen Rally", in honor of our pastor, Elder Smith.

Holy Temple is yet praising God and we are determined to live for Christ. Whenever you are on the East Coast come to Holy Temple, we will gladly accept you.

Yours for Christ,
Elder Henry Smith, Pastor
David Daniels, Reporter

JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

Greetings in the Name of our Lord from The Church of God in Christ No. 4.

Elder W. F. Faust pastor and Supt. of the Jacksonville, District.

We Thank the Lord for how He is blessing us spiritually and financially.

Elder O. D. Barnwell from Atlanta was our guest speaker the 5th Sunday night. He spoke from St. John 7: 43", Because of Him" He gave us a beautiful message, which was enjoyed by all.

We just closed our Pastor's 30th Anniversary beginning Sept. 1st through the 5th. The Lord blessed us in a great way. Our Pastor and Sister Faust were both made to feel happy of their anniversary.

On the Holy Temple night of the anniversary, Minister Melvin Bryant was the Speaker, he spoke From Genesis 6: 6.

Elder R. Smith of Southside spoke one night from Nehemiah 6: 3.

Elder Thomas Brown of Church of Christ written in heaven spoke from the 11th Psalm Third verse.

On the closing day Sunday, that morning Elder Charles Reed spoke from St. John 11th Chapter. Sunday evening the

Youth Hour Minister L. Seymour brought the message from Ecclesiastes 12: 13. Sunday night Elder O. S. Anderson closed the anniversary with Proverbs 18: 24. Jesus is my Friend. Each message during the week was encouraging to the saints to live for Jesus. The meeting was well attended, each church accompanied by their choir and congregation.

Choir No. 2 celebrated their 9th anniversary Sept. 22nd with Elder W. F. Dixon Speaker, he spoke from Revelation the 22nd chapter as a thought, "Don't Let It Be Said To Late".

Many choirs of the city came to help make it a success. The choir is doing a great job under the Leadership of Sister Betty Reed as President.

On the second Sunday the Youth Day Missionary, Sharon Jones and Minister Sam Cook as Speakers for the day both brought great messages.

The Young Women's Christian Council celebrated their 3rd Anniversary. Sister Essie Mae Jones (President), Missionary L. M. Barnett was their speaker.

On the Fourth Sunday, Missionary Day, Virginia Stewart and Rosie Weaver brought two great messages.

The Church is moving on. Souls turning to God. Children being stirred. Pray for us.

Elder W. F. Faust, Pastor
Sister Nettie Durham, Reporter

PORTLAND, OREGON

Greetings to the Saints of God everywhere. We are yet praising God for the power of salvation.

The members of Williams Temple COGIC are yet thanking God for His many blessings that He has and is constantly bestowing upon us.

God has blessed our church with a two weeks revival conducted by Elder Leon Brewer, Jr., national evangelist of the COGIC, of Inglewood, California. God came in each night in a miraculous way. Each night spoke for itself, but we remember most the height of the revival, which was Thursday night August 19th, the night prior to the closure of the meeting. God came in and not only were the saints revived, but He brought backsliders back. Many young people were touched by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost-for it fell on all who were willing and yearning to receive its blessings.

In our past Sunday morning worship we were favored by three beautiful songs from our newly organized Senior choir. They looked as lovely as they sung in white dresses, making their second appearance. Pray that God will continue to anoint their voices to sing songs of Zion.

Pray for our Pastor and the entire congregation that the Lord will ever direct us every step of the way.

Elder E. W. Rand, Pastor
Gloria D. Hames, Reporter

MISSION IN ACTION IN SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI

Under the leadership of our State Bishop Theo Davis, State Supervisor Ruth Mae Shivers, State Supervisor of Mission, Mrs. W. M. Levie, we can truly say that Southern Mississippi is on a great move.

During our State Home and Foreign Mission Conference, at Hazlehurst Miss. August the 17th through the 20th, we was blessed with the presence of Mrs. E. W. Mason. Sister Mason taught us with wisdom and power, The Whole Truth. We appreciated the encouraging words Mrs. Mason gave, our State Bishop, Bishop Theo Davis, commending him for one of the greatest Temples that was and has ever been constructed in our United States.

Which is quite outstanding. We do thank God for our beloved Sister that accompanied Sister Mason.

Mrs. Willie Bell Woodard, Reporter
Bishop Theo Davis, Pastor

KOKOMO, INDIANA

Greetings to the Saints of God everywhere, From the New Hope Church of God in Christ. We thank God for his keeping power and his blessings.

New Hope's door was open July 18th of this year and on the 22nd of August, Bishop C. E. Bennett of Gary, Indiana who also serves as Bishop of Northern Indiana, came and dedicated the church. We had a one week's dedication service. Among our visitors were, Pastor Dixon Coatil, Congregation of Muncie, Indiana. Pastor Lewis Bugges of Anderson Indiana and Church. Pastor Ivy and congregation of Muncie Indiana. Pastor Johnson of Indianapolis, Indiana, and Church. Pastor Manis and congregation of Muncie, Indiana pastor Townsen and church. The Lord did bless each night. New Hope is a young church and we prayer. But we are trusting in the Lord, please remember us in your prayers.

Sister Emma L. Glenn

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

Holy Greetings in th name of Jesus. Through the inspirational leadership of Bishop G. E. Vaughn and Mother I. Martin God is wonderfully blessing us.

Former District Missionary Ida Turk Shields and Brother Gus Bell have gone to be with the Lord.

Our Youth Department recently held a service in which Elder Charles Brewer, Jr. from Conn. preached a dynamic message. Minister Tommie Porter of Phila., praised God in song.

Elder R. H. Thomas is laboring in Canonsbury. It is a small basically white suburbs which requires much suffering. Race means nothing with God, but

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unless you know his circumstances you cannot pray intelligently. They need our prayers that they might be encouraged in their jobs.

Our Bishop has been encouraged through the loyalty and cooperation given him by the Pastors of our state. Together they raised in one evening nearly a thousand dollars for one of our Pastors who needed help. We give all the glory to Jesus and thank the wise fathers on our executive board for their great spiritual wisdom and insight.

The beautiful, vivacious and charming Sister Willa Lewis has done it again. Not only is she the Dean of our Sunday School Workshop; but she has initiated a leadership training school with in the Morningside Church. Mother Martin was their first commencement day speaker.

Elder Ithiel Clemmons recently returned and preached for his former congregation in Clairton Pa. And Elder Joseph Clemmons and his musical family thrilled our hearts in the state convocation held in August. We thank the visitors from various states who came with us and help make it the greatest convocation ever.

The Youth Department held another glorious services. The music was by out state choir and directed by Sister Irene Davis. Our talented Sister Eva Driver sang out of her soul. Brother Bobby Rochester from Philadelphia inspired us with his rendition of "Give Me A Clean Heart". Elder Roger Jones from Flint, Michigan preached until many young people were convicted and flocked to the altar at the close of his sermon.

Elder Anderson, Jr. from Detroit was also with us. He was conducting a revival for Elder D. Darkins. And speaking of Detroit, Sister Alyce Claybourne, Mary Wilson and son were with us.

Our Pre-Convocation Musical honored our own golden-throated nightingale Sister Florence Lindsay. Brother Jesse Dixon from Chicago was special guest.

Western Pa. latest asset has come in the form of Sister Yvonne Miller formerly of Virginia, and Bro. L. Thomas of Baltimore. Sister Miller is working on an advance degree in Sociology from the University of Pittsburgh. She has agreed to help organize a program to benefit our seminary in Atlanta.

G. A. Brother Thomas is in the Doctorial Philosophy Program. His first message, taken for Rev. 3:7, inspired us.

We pray for the saints everywhere and ask that we be remembered in your prayers.

Bishop G. E. Vaughn—Presiding Bishop, Mother Ida Martin—Supervisor Miss Lee Grace Jones—Reporter



REV. & MRS. HOLLINGSWORTH
NYACK, NEW YORK

Christian friends everywhere we at Hollingsworth Temple are going on by leaps and bounds under the administration of our Pastor Dr. Hollingsworth Born January 15, 1892.

On September 18, 1971 Elder Bailey our Assistant Pastor of Hollingsworth Temple with the aid of the members, celebrated our Pastors 80th birthday and 30th year of service in Nyack. We honored him with a Testimonial Dinner at West Gate Inn. This was a formal affair with our State Bishop O. M. Kelly officiating with the host of Ministers, Families, and Friends. This was a grand occasion and our pastor was thrilled. His wife Missionary Hollingsworth wore a glamorous soft green gown with gleaming ornaments. In the light it sparkled like the morning sun light.

In April of 1941 Bishop Kelly sent Elder Hollingsworth to pastor the church in Nyack, N. Y. The church was little more than a name. Elder Hollingsworth tackled the job of making a real church and with the aid of his members that he had at this time they sold barbecue, fried chicken, and pies. Afterwards debts were all paid up.

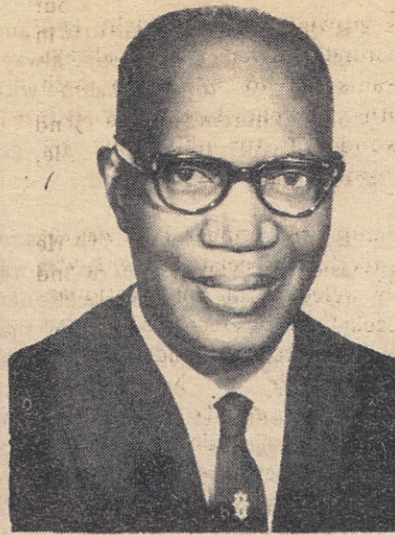
For thirty years he has commuted from Yonkers to Nyack at least five or six times a week. God has really blessed in a great way.

Pray that God will always be with the two of them as they lead Nyack on to victory.

Sister Betty Pittman, Reporter

**IN ALL THY WAYS
ACKNOWLEDGE HIM, AND
HE SHALL DIRECT THY
PATHS PROVERBS 3:6**

The fifth Jurisdiction of the State of Illinois holds its Convocation beginning from July 26th. through August 1st., 1971 with Bishop F. G. Green presiding; Bishop and Mother S. T. McClain as our State Supervisor. The meeting was held at the New Cross Temple Church of God In Christ, where Doctor Moses Cross is pastor; Located at 9100 South Bishop, Chicago, Illinois, 60620.



BISHOP F. G. GREEN

We are happy to announce that this was one of the best most Holy Ghost fill Convocation that we have had the pleasure of attending in our six years of establishment. It seemed more like an old time revival instead of a Convocation, for our souls were truly feed with the word of God. Also, we are happy to say that we were blessed both spiritual as well as financially.

With the greatest of pleasure and admiration, we so proudly acknowledge the presence of our international and presiding Bishop of the Churches of God In Christ, Bishop J. O. Patterson and his wife. Our hearts was made glad to have such a man to honor us with his presence on the first night of our assembly as well as being the messenger for that night. He explained the true way of Holiness, Its reality, and what it really means to be Sanctified filled and baptized with the Holy Ghost; We thank God for him, for his message was such and inspiration to the entire assembly. It seem that everyone was so inspired by the message that everyone had an enjoyable service each night, throughout the Convocation.

Our Convocation was a complete success from beginning to end. Our Official day which was the first Sunday in August at Dunbar High School was glorifying to the highest. Again the Lord met us in another Soul stirring assembly. Our State Bishop, Bishop F. G. Green, spoke to us of the Seven Churches of Asia. All hearts rejoice under the power of God. May we say to one and all that we wish it could have been possible for everyone to attend this meeting. May we also say that we are grateful to Dr. Cross and his staff for the warm welcome extended to us at his church. We are looking to God in the coming years that our Convocation will be held in our own State Temple. We hope that you will keep these announcements in mind and in your hearts, therefore govern yourselves accordingly thereby. May God be gracious and bless you and also guide you throughout the coming years.

Yours in Christ

The Fifth Jurisdiction of Illinois
Elder Lorris Robinson, Public Relations

Bishop F. G. Green, State Bishop

Mother S. T. McClain, State Supervisor



GRACE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHCHRIST
Saginaw, Michigan

NEW JERSEY CELEBRATES
50th ANNIVERSARY

The GOLDEN JUBILEE And 50th ANNUAL HOLY CONVOCATION of the Churches of God in Christ, State of New Jersey was held at Wells Cathedral Church of God in Christ, Newark, August 3 through 13. Bishop Esau Courtney, D.D., Presiding Bishop; Bishop C. H. Cotton, D. D., Assistant Bishop; Dr. Anne L. Bailey, State Supervisor-Women's Department and Elder Chandler Owens, Host Pastor.

The Theme for the Golden Jubilee Celebration was: "The Progress of the Church," Matt. 16:18; Acts 2:41-42.

The Pre-Convocation Musical was held Monday, August 2. The musical was masterfully carried out under the direction of Mr. Henry Leonard and Minister Lester Bragg, State Ministers of Music. Choirs, groups and soloists from various parts of the State magnified and praised the Lord in songs.

The Convocation officially opened on Tuesday with Bishop Courtney leading the delegation in united prayer and re-dedication. In the evening session, the Civic Night Program was under the auspices of the Public Relations Board, Elder John L. Bazemore, Director. Miss Mildred Williams and Elder Norman Prescott presided. Many civic officials and religious leaders were present and offered congratulations and best wishes to the Church of God in Christ, State of New Jersey, on the occasion of its Golden Jubilee Anniversary. We were also blessed to have with us Mother Beulah Dabney, State Mother of Virginia. Mother Dabney was with the State of New Jersey in its infancy laboring and toiling, along with others, for souls.

Class Discussions were held in the afternoon sessions and the Theme as well as related Sub-topics were discussed. Sub-Topics: (a) The Infancy of the Church; covering the administration of Overseer J.E. Bryant-Mother Lula Cox, 1921 to 1929; (b) The Growth of the Church; the administration of Bishop A.J. Reid, Mother Lula Cox and Mother Anne L. Bailey, 1929 to 1948; (c) the Prevailing Church; the administration of Bishop James Wells and Mother Anne L. Bailey, 1948 to 1961; (d) The Unified Church; the administration of Bishop B. M.

We the members of Grace Church of God in Christ are thanking God for his blessings. We started December 19, 1965, and God has blessed us to pay the Church off. We burned our mortgage December 16, 1970, pray for us

Elder Hosie Davis, Pastor

Keith and Mother Anne L. Bailey, 1961 to 1965 and (e) the Present Day Church; the present administration Bishop Esau Courtney and Mother Anne L. Bailey, 1965 to present. These discussions were enlightening, informative and inspiring.

Bishop Courtney designated Thursday during the first week of the Convocation as "Pastor's Day". At this time each local church brought a special love offering and presented it to their pastor. The Pastor's Aid Leaders responded with enthusiasm and each pastor was blessed financially.

Our Convocation was graced with the presence of Bishop James S. Bailey, 1st Assistant Presiding Bishop of the Church. Bishop Bailey brought a soul-stirring message.

The first Women's Day session was held on Friday. For the first time in 50 years, our highly esteem and beloved State and International Mother, Mother Anne L. Bailey, could not be with us because of illness. Her presence was missed greatly and our hearts were heavy. However, the Lord came in and lifted our spirits and we were able to carry on. Services for this session were under the aegis of the Junior Trustees and Trustees of the Lula Cox Home, Missionary Willa M. Bonner, Chairman. Gospel Sermonettes were delivered by some of New Jersey's finest missionaries; namely Missionary Edith Jones, Paulsboro; Missionary Ruth Fitz; Newark; and Missionary Viola Lewis, Trenton.

On Saturday afternoon a wonderful program was rendered by the Sunshine Band and Purity Class and Jr. Boys League under the leadership of Missionary Willa M. Bonner, Missionary Effie Way and Mrs. Shirley Campbell.

Another great program was rendered on Saturday night by the Sunday School Department; Superintendent Rudolph

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Pleasant and State Field Worker, Missionary Bertha Campbell officiating. The theme of the Day for the Sunday School was "Catch a Vision". Guest Speaker was Evangelist Richard White of Connecticut.

On Official Day, Sunday, August 8, services were held in the Grand Auditorium of the Robert Treat Hotel. An estimated crowd of 2100 attended this service. Music was rendered by the 150 voice State Choir under the direction of Mr. Henry Leonard and Minister Lester Bragg. Bishop Courtney in his Annual Message delivered a timely and soulstirring message - Theme: "A Progressive Journey" Acts 14:27". The Lord poured out his spirit and his presence filled the room. Sinners came to Christ and backsliders were reclaimed.

In the evening session Elder John L. Bazemore, Public Relations Board Chairman presented "Service Award Certificates" to members for "50 Years of Faithful and Unrelenting Service to God and to the Church of God in Christ, State of New Jersey". Certificates were awarded to:

Bishop Esau Courtney, Mother Armacey Brown, Mother Lula Jones, Deacon Allen Bush, Elder E. C. Bryant, Deacon W. Hall and Sister Udell McIntoch. Accepting the Service Award Certificate for Mother Bailey in her absence was Mother Mary Purnell

Our Golden Jubilee Anniversary was graced by the presence of our most illustrious International Presiding Bishop, Bishop J. O. Patterson. Bishop Patterson came forth singing "There is Rest for the Weary". This song moved and stirred the congregation. Bishop Patterson stated that while perusing through the State Souvenir Journal he noticed that many of the pioneers have gone home to rest. Sometimes he gets lonesome for these old pioneers of the church, there are not many left now. Bishop Patterson cited the material progress of the church - the \$300,000.00 deficit has been liquidated. \$25,000.00 in Scholarship Funds went to the Charles Harrison Mason Theological Seminar in Atlanta. He spoke of the conditions of the world - how the young people seemingly have no shame whatsoever. He stated the saints used to pray "Lord Take Away the Shame," it looks like God answered prayer.

Bishop Patterson quoted the scripture, Romans 5:20 - But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound. At the close of Bishop Patterson's discourse the church was spiritually ignited.

Communion Services were held on Monday. Bishop O. M. Kelly, Presiding Bishop of Eastern New York and General Board Member delivered the Annual Communion Message.

Tuesday was our Assistant Bishop's Day - Bishop C. H. Cotton. Bishop Cotton delivered a most inspiring message - "The Compassionate Saviour".

Thursday, was our second Women's Day. The State of New Jersey paid homage and gave honor to our State and International Supervisor, Mother Anne L. L. Bailey, who was with the State in its beginning and the oldest pioneer of the East.

The Women's Day Theme: "After 50 years of Church Progress - The Women's Ministry is an essential asset for Continuous Progress".

Spiritual Lunch was delivered by District Missionary Georginna Williams. Missionary Dorothy Magwood seated the delegates. Missionary Olive Brown presided during the afternoon session. Music was rendered by the Y.W.C.C., The "We Twelve" and Volunteers under the direction of Missionary Susie Reid and Missionary Fannie Knight; Mrs. Shirley Campbell, Organist. A Special Tribute was paid to our beloved mother by Sis. Susie Reid of Camden - "She Came, She Saw and She Conquered". Mother Bailey bestowed the honor upon District Missionary Mary Purnell to bring the Official Message on Women's Day. Mother Purnell spoke on "The Power of the Holy Spirit".

During the evening session of Women's Day, the Y.W.C.C., under the leadership of Missionary Dorothy Magwood and Missionary Susie Reid was in charge. The topic: "The Godly Woman's Progress Depend largely On: 1. Correct Training & Discipline; 2. Correct Attitudes Towards God's Work and 3. Continuous "Holding On" - Regardless of Obstacles. Speakers were: Miss Andrea Payton, Jersey City; Miss Beulah Mitchell, Long Branch and Mrs. Barbara Green, Rahway.

The Golden Jubilee Anniversary of the State of New Jersey closed on Friday night - Youth Night. The Youth Department under the leadership of President C. Schwartz and State Chairlady, Mrs. Barbara Green, brought forth a great program. Talent was presented from the State. A Topic: "My Part in the Church's 50 Years and what it Has Meant to Me" was beautifully discussed by the youth. The State Y.P.W.W. Band, under the direction of Mr. Esau Courtney, Jr. furnished instrumental selection.

Our Convocation was also graced with the presence of Bishop DeWitt A. Burton, General Secretary. Bishop Burton delivered a powerful message. We were also blessed to have Bishop F. D. Washington, a son of the State of New Jersey, as well as a General Board Member to be with us.

The 50th Golden Anniversary Souvenir and Program Journal was published by the Public Relations Board, Elder John Bazemore, Chairman, and dedicated to the Pioneers, Patriots and Leaders.

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Secretary

Bishop Esau Courtney
State Bishop

A TIME TO SPEAK

I want to speak of the goodness of God and what He has been to me. I am glad to say that the Lord saved me, baptized and filled me with the Baptism of the Holy Ghost and Fire, in a revival meeting conducted by the Late Bishop A. B. McEwen in Bells, Tennessee. Elder Udell McKenny was the pastor of the church. I enjoyed always in the House of the Lord. I am thankful for having the privilege of serving in the United States Army in World War Two and served in the capacity of acting Chaplain in many areas of the South and Southwest Pacific. Souls were saved and the Lord wonderfully blessed. I was licensed under the pastoralship of Elder J. H. Hardison, he also officiated in my wedding and I served under Him as the Spiritual advisor for the young people in Bells, Tennessee. I also worked with him in Jackson, Tennessee at the Allen Avenue Church of God in Christ. I served as the spiritual advisor for the young people at the Bell Eagle Church pastored by Elder J. E. Poindexter. I had the honor as serving as District President of the No. 1 District Y.P.W.W. This appointment of course was an Honor as Bishop J. O. Patterson was our beloved State President. I also was given the opportunity by the Late Elder James G. Foster to work with the young people at the New Chicago Church of God in Christ. This task was enjoyable. I left Memphis and went to Chicago, Illinois and united with the Holy Temple Church pastored by the honorable Bishop E. Lenox. I enjoyed the saints there at Holy Temple. It was mine to serve as the State Secretary of Elders Council of Southern, Illinois for a short duration. Yes, I was the co-founder of Emanuel Church of God in Christ with Elder C. C. Owens, Sr. his wife and others. In a very short time I was appointed Sunday School Supt. and the assistant Pastor of this great church and that was just like Heaven to me. On my own accord I returned to Memphis, Tennessee and again worked with the New Chicago Church, thank God and the Father and seasoned Man of God (The late Elder James G. Foster) appointed me as the assistant Pastor of this great church for which I am truly grateful. After the demise of the Elder Foster the membership requested that I would become the pastor and the Lord granted this request, and the pastoral appointment was given by the State Bishop the Honorable Bishop McEwen, a man that I respect and loved. The devoted wife of the late Elder Foster, Mother Luethel Foster remains with us at New Chicago. Mother Foster is a sweet and faithful member in spite of the fact that she is more than 87 years old and has been saved and working in the Church of God in Christ and helping humanity for more than 57 years. I love the Foster Family as well as all of the other members of my God given flock and at this writing we are in the process of remodeling and beautifying the Lord's House at New Chicago.

As I reminiscence in my mind I

remember that I was ordained under Elder James Foster at Lane Avenue Church of God in Christ and I was given my certificate of Ordination at the Temple Church at 672 South Lauderdale in a birthday celebration in honor of our great founder and chief apostle the Late Bishop C. H. Mason.

Now as I close I thank God for our new State Bishop and Presiding Bishop J. O. Patterson, I have pledged my loyalty to him in his great task and may I say to our Presiding Bishop J. O. Patterson and the General Board and to the Saints of God Everywhere, be encouraged, look up and live for the Lord has done great things for us whereof we are glad. Yes I am glad that I served as the Executive Secretary under Bishop E. W. Rodgers, in the Number two district. As it was called then, I served in the same capacity under Supt. C. C. Knox in the Calvary District as it is called. Last but not least I am serving in the same position in the Homeland District under Supt. F. D. Macklin. May God bless you my brothers and sisters is my prayer.

Yours for the Master's services
Elder. E. E. Dickerson

THE AGE OF MIRACLES

EDITOR'S NOTE: This letter was received from one of the saints of Detroit, Michigan, by one of the pastor's of Memphis.

If you remember in the April issue of the "Whole Truth" there was an article concerning the Miracle Pen that was given to many people as a blessing to them from the Lord through Elder T.R. Burnett.

Below you will find a letter sent to Elder Burnett regarding the Miracle Pen.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN
October 9, 1971

Dear Elder Burnett:

Maybe you will remember me; I am the sister at Elder Morton's church, Greater Mt. Zion Tabernacle, who asked you for an extra Pen for my friend who had SICKLE CELL ANEMIA. You gave me one for her and she started wearing it in her bra everyday. After a while the ink began to run down on her flesh and stain her under garments on her chest. Then she stopped wearing it and put it away. When she went back to the doctor for her regular check-up, there was no sign of the SICKLE CELL. The doctor refused to believe it so she called in other doctors and they took tests on her at two (2) different hospitals, but they could not find anymore signs of it. Now we are praising the Lord, Because only He could have moved it out of her body. I just had to write and let you know that God has performed this miracle through the Pens you blessed in the name of the Lord. May the Blessed Savior always bless you and your family, even your church membership.

Your Sister in Christ,
Rosa Anderson

"FAITH WORKED A MIRACLE"

By Sister Pearl Williams

On June 24, 1971 seven year old Joyce Ward from Wyandanch, Long Island, New York was hit by a car, member of all Saints Temple, Hempstead, New York pastor, Dr. J. A. King.

The accident occurred at eight ten A. M. Joyce was crossing the street to catch the school bus, she was struck by a car that was speeding for work. The car was going so fast the skid marks were over sixty feet long. The people that saw the accident thought she was dead. The bleeding was so bad, when the police came they did not wait for an ambulance. They right away rushed her to the hospital.

After they arrived at the hospital the doctors didn't know what to do for her. They took x-rays after x-rays the doctors just looked at Joyce and shook their heads.

After the specialist saw Joyce it was after twelve O' clock that afternoon before they gave her anything to ease the pains.

Joyce had a fractured collar bone, fractured ribs and a broken cheek bone in three places. That night they operated on her, and the doctors said she might loose her eye. Shortly after the accident happen and the church heard about it. the saints begin praying for her right away. That night Dr. King called a meeting at the church and told everyone to pray for her.

Four days later Dr. King came to visit her at the hospital and prayed for her. The doctor told Joyce to stay in the hospital ten days. When Joyce Parent's came to see her she said, "Mommy I'm going to be all right, because Dr. King prayer for me. That same day Dr. King came to visit Joyce, The doctor said that Joyce could go home.

Right now Joyce is home, her cheek bone is healing, her ribs and collar bone has healed, her eye sight is twenty-twenty. The doctors said it was a miracle she's alive, usually when a child get hit near the eye they get brain damaged loose their eye. But God was with her all the way. Joyce is walking, seeing, playing and back in church beating the tambouring. It took a miracle for her to be living. See what God can do.

Do You have the faith she had? Think about it. Nothing is to hard for God, he can do anything but fail.

All Saints Temple C. O.G.I.C.

Hempstead, New York
Dr. J.A. King, DD- Pastor



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'ANNUAL HOLY CONVOCATION FOR THE STATE OF OREGON JURISDICTION I AND HIGHLIGHTS OF BISHOP J.O. PATTERSON'S VISIT.

Monday June 14, 1971, This was the night the state choir and the music department under the direction of Sister Rosetta Boyd, displayed their talents. It was entitled Music and Civic Night. The Civic side of the program had two of Portland's outstanding Negro leaders. One was a leading Mortician who gave us facts and figures to substantiate his reasonings. (Mr. Van of Van's Mortuary). The other was Model's City Director, Mr. Charles Jordan. Tuesday, June 15, 1971. Bishop H. B. Daniel's night and his guest speaker was his brother the Reverend R. A. Daniels. He opened his message with the soul-stirring song. "He'll Wash you Whiter than Snow".

Dispite the fact he's blind he is very active in the church, and not only Evangelizes but, sings, play piano and holds an office in the Mission Department of the Church.

Wednesday, June 16, 1971,

BISHOP J.O. PATTERSON'S VISIT The visit of Bishop J.O. Patterson to the 26th ANNUAL HOLY CONVOCATION left many of us encouraged and

inspired, and it was the desire of Bishop W. L. McKinney to share This with the National whole Truth Paper.

Many people assembled themselves to hear this great leader. Those that had never seen him, possibly had heard of his gift of oratory, or, wanted to see what he looked like, being National- International Leader.

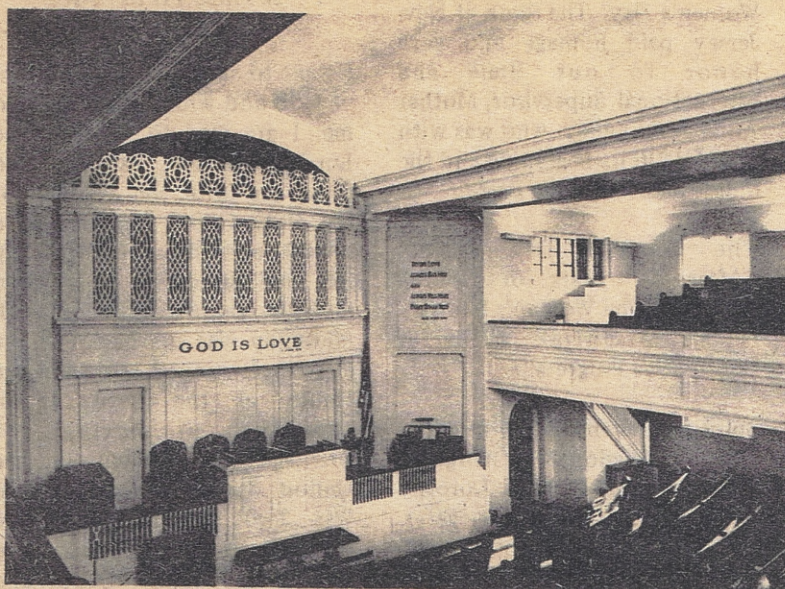
He greeted his congregation with a meaningful song, "There is Rest for The Weary". His Subject "I WENT DOWN TO THE POTTER'S HOUSE." Jeremiah 18th chapter. Bishop Patterson compared the people of God as clay in the potter's hand, to do with as he choose.

In a gentle and godly manner, he encouraged, instructed and admonished his congregation to live holy, forget about being modern and keeping up with the times. He reminded many of the times when saints would greet each other with the words, "Jesus is coming soon, or Marathons The Lord's coming.

He shared many traveling experiences with us. With the glorious expression He said, "I WOULD LIKE TO WALK OUT IN MY BACKYARD ONE DAY, AND WAVE AT JESUS AND WHEN HE WOULD ASK ME WHAT I WANTED, I'D SAY, LORD I DON'T WANT ANYTHINGG, JUST WANTED TO THANK. YOU".

He made a report of the National Churches progress, and shared with us some of his hopes

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and desired for the , Churches of God in Christ everywhere.

Thursday, June 17, 1971

This was Women's Night with Mother Williams and the State Women's Department put on a tremendous program. They wore their white and had their Grand March, Their Subject was taken for the NATIONAL Women's Convention "WEIGHT WATCHINGS"

Friday June 18, 1971

This was State Sunday School Night with Minister D. Frazier &

Elder E. Suell with the Sunday School Department.

Saturday, June 19, 1971,

This was State Y. P. W. with Elder A. R. Hoplins and Chairlady Ruby Fridge

Sunday June 20th, 1971

OFFICIAL DAY

our convocation "OFFICIAL DAY" entitled, 'A TRIBUTE TO OUR DAY'. was the highlight of the meetings. Oregon No 1 Staff undoubtedly planned it that way.

Bishop W. L. McKinney in his message, "WHAT SHALL I RENDER UNTO THE LORD, FOR ALL OF HIS BLESSINGS TOWARD ME? Psalms 116:12, certainly shared with us what he felt about the Lord's benefits toward him. He was happy and humble, for God is Blessing him with progress, in his work assigned him by Bishop C. H. Mason more than 26 years ago.

In honor of his dedicated services, he was given a Father's Day Dinner on the River Queen. There he received Tributes, Presentation from the State Women's Department & Mother Williams, and McKinney Temple.

Bishop H. B. Daniels, Administrative Assistant, read to the Conventioneers a letter he had received from Portland's Mayor Shrun, informing him (Bishop Daniel's) of the City's intention to build a Monument or name the street (Alberta) where the McKinney Temple Church is located, after this great leader, who not only serve his church, locally, State and National but, the City in the educating of his community.

Under the Leadership of Bishop W. L. McKinney, the Lord has blessed the Churches of God in Christ, and we in Oregon Jurisdiction No. I witnessed the greatest Convocation ever held through out 26 years. We had Delegates from Illinois, California, Washington, Mississippi, and Louisiana.

Pray the the Lord may continue to bless us.

Bishop W. L. Mckinney, State Bishop

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extended greetings to the congregation. Bro. Willie Brown, Chairman of the Trustee Board gave a short talk on behalf of the church.

The Honorable William S. Hart, Sr., Mayor of the City of East Orange extended congratulations and best wishes to Reid Temple for its amazing progress and achievements in 50 years and presented the Church a lovely basket of flowers.

Guest Speaker for this momentous occasion was Rev. St. Clair Burnett of Staten Island, N.Y. Rev. Burnett was a former associate minister at Reid Temple and is now pastor of the Church of God in Christ in Staten Island. Rev. Burnett delivered a most timely, encouraging and uplifting Anniversary Sermon - "I know Thy Works", Rev. 2:8 through 10. The Lord was great in our midst!

Music was rendered by the Sanctuary Choir of Reid Temple - Miss Karen Brown, Directress; Mr. John L. Bazemore, Jr., Director and Mr. Willie Brown, Organist. The choir sang until the power of the Lord came down!

Recognition Plaques were presented to Sis. Winifred Jones and Deacon James Thompson for their outstanding contribution during our Jubilee year. Mother Ethel Robinson, one of the pioneers of Reid Temple, and one who was with the Church from its inception, received a plaque for 50 years of faithful service.

Another highlight was the unveiling of pictures of three of our former pastors; namely, the late Bishop A. J. Reid; Bishop J. O. Patterson and Bishop DeWitt A. Burton.

A Memorial Plaque with the names of deceased loved ones and members of Reid Temple inscribed on bronze plates was presented. This commemorative plaque will be placed in the church and will serve as an everlasting memorial of the deceased.

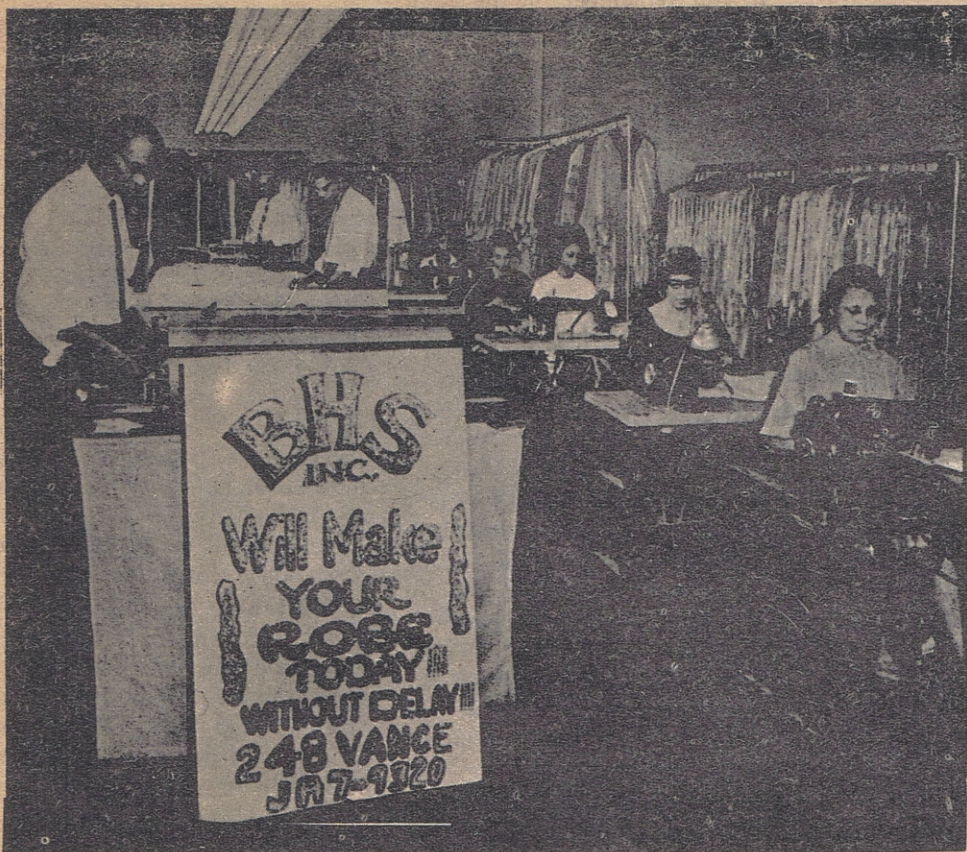
For a half century Reid Temple has stood as a sentinel pointing men and women, boys and girls to Christ. In the midst of world turmoil, in the face of strife and war and at times when world ideals are crumbling, this Church has ever held high the banner of Christ who said, "Upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it".

May Reid Temple stand in years to come, as it has stood these 50 years, a living monument of a Saviour who died that all men might live.

Rev. John L. Bazemore, Pastor
Mrs. Olive L. Brown, Administrative Assistant

Bishop H. B. Daniels, Administrative Assistant
Mother E. Williams, Supervisor of Women

Sister Christine Robinson, Reporter



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